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## Local welfare recipients targeted by Project Zero

by Eric Lacey  
Capital News Service

Lansing - Project Zero, the state welfare reform program established in 1996, has added 19 new counties, including Crawford County and will work to reduce public assistance cases and assist families entering the workforce, beginning this summer.

The program focuses on so-called "target cases," recipients who get benefits from the Family Independence Agency (FIA) and who are considered able to work.

"With 76 percent of all target cases represented in Project Zero and 43 sites hitting zero since September 1997 - including 12 from Wayne County and all Oakland County districts - we can say without hesitation it has performed at a level no one anticipated," Gov. John Engler said.

The program began in 1996 with six pilot sites and now there are over 70 sites statewide.

The goal of the project is to have all targeted recipients earn at least some income.

A site can be either a county or district with an FIA agency. Currently 43 sites have reached

"zero," and the program is expected to expand into all 83 counties by the end of this year, said FIA Director Douglas E. Howard.

"We now see Project Zero as a way of doing business rather than a pilot project," Howard said. "By the end of the calendar year, all counties will participate in Project Zero."

In many instances, targeted cases that go back to "zero" are still eligible for non-cash benefits such as food stamps, child-care services and Medicaid.

"There are a lot of misconceptions of what the program is and what it isn't," said Sharon Parks of the Michigan League for Human Services. "Individuals in many cases are still eligible for welfare support."

Some reasons for the program's success have been the strong economy and the program's willingness to meet the needs of its clients, according to Janice Berry, FIA communications representative.

"This program went from a pipe dream, where nobody believed it would work, to now where it's helping individuals in all different areas across the state," Berry said.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Grayling Restaurant was the site last Thursday of a very successful benefit spaghetti dinner. The Animal Shelter Project Fund was the recipient of over \$2,400 raised as members of the community came out to support the plan to build a new shelter for homeless dogs and cats. Animal Shelter Board member Ward Parker said, "What a wonderful job the restaurant staff and volunteers did. We had so much fun. And, we had a wonderful mix of people in all age groups." Shown is volunteer Jenny Kernstock waiting on just one table of the many patrons who packed the restaurant from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. More project fundraisers are planned, including a quilt raffle and activities during Canoe Marathon Week.

## Frederic considers future of trash service

► Current opinion seems to favor special assessment over millage system

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Frederic Township recently held a special meeting to discuss the future of the community's trash service, following an announcement by the township board in March that the township's trash service costs are going to outgrow the current millage in the relatively near future.

"We do have some time," Frederic Township Supervisor

Brian Hulbert said at the Saturday special meeting. "The problems are just showing, and we have been able to cover them to this point."

Frederic's trash services, which include a compactor site and roadside pick-up, are currently paid for through a township millage. With the millage, people pay for trash service based on property values, including vacant property.

In March, Hulbert proposed the township switch from the millage system to a special assessment, which would mean each household that uses the township's trash services would pay an equal amount each year.

The other township board members and those citizens attending the special meeting on April 15

seemed to also be in favor of changing to a special assessment. Several people spoke in favor of the proposed switch, believing the flat rate involved with the assessment would be more fair.

Compared to the millage, "some people would pay more and some would pay less" with the special assessment, Hulbert noted.

Regardless of which funding option the township ends up choosing, the compactor site is likely to undergo a few policy changes to help address cost issues.

The Board has been considering implementing added costs for dropping off large items and building/demolition materials at the compactor site to help defray some of the cost of the trash opera-

tion, and/or setting a limit on these items. (The site doesn't currently have any fee or limit on such materials.)

Large items and construction materials don't compact well, and can take up a lot of room.

The township worked with Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill on gathering information about the site. Merrill estimated that roughly 20 percent of the site's volume is being filled by construction and demolition material, on average. The actual amounts per month are unpredictable, Hulbert noted.

Merrill believes the county's new recycling program, which involves the placement of a county recycling material trailer in each township on specified days every month, could also help reduce the trash volume at the compactor site.

The township board hopes the proposed changes at the compactor site will help keep costs to the user down.

After a show of hands of the meeting's gathered citizens revealed overwhelming support for a special assessment (in place of a millage), Hulbert said the township would do more research and determine some specific figures with regard to a potential special assessment.

Hulbert estimated a special assessment would cost each residence about \$100-120, but there are a lot of numbers to take into consideration before coming to a firm conclusion.

"We're not at a critical stage," said Hulbert. "We have enough to get to the end of the year, but we see a problem coming and we want to avoid it."

Another public informational meeting concerning the Frederic trash issue was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 13. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

## White Cane campaign begins

The Grayling Lions Club will begin selling their white cane pins to raise money for vision and hearing-related projects. The Lions Club helps pay for eyeglasses and hearing aids for the needy, is a contributor to Leader Dog for the Blind and helps provide free or low-cost hearing and vision tests for children and uninsured adults. This is the local club's 25th anniversary selling the canes in Grayling. This year, members hope to sell all 9,000 they have on hand. Members will hit the streets April 28 and 29.

## New member appointed to Housing Commission

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners have appointed Grayling Township resident Robert McIntosh to the Housing Commission's Board of Directors.

McIntosh was interviewed by the full board on April 19. He was out of town on April 14 when one other applicant, Brad Summers, was interviewed during a Personnel and Labor Committee Meeting.

During the interview, McIntosh said the most important qualities a public servant should have are integrity and honesty. He said he understands the Open Meetings Act and the importance of public trust.

According to McIntosh, the most important contribution the Housing Commission makes is to strive to provide sufficient and needed housing for those unable to do it by themselves. He said he feels efficiency in running Housing programs is also very important.

McIntosh is the past president and treasurer of the Grayling Country Club and has served on the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Committee Chair and District #3 Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman voiced her concerns regarding appointment of Summers to the Housing Commission. Current Vice Chairman Paul Burke is employed by Summers and Pinkelman stated she was concerned about a possible

conflict of interest or other problems that might arise as a result of the pair's work relationship.

Reviewing McIntosh's other involvements, Pinkelman pointed out he is quite involved at the Senior Center and would be a good source of information regarding senior housing issues as well as a courier of information to that population.

The board voted unanimously to appoint McIntosh and will begin his term of office.

Currently seated on the Housing Commission Board are newly elected Chairperson Kevin Hunter and Vice Chair Burke, along with members John Alef, and Susanne Somero.

McIntosh replaces long-time member and chairperson Ruth O'Mara who chose not to seek reappointment.

The Crawford County Housing Commission has made a complete turn-around since an audit showed poor bookkeeping and a lack of loan activities to local low-income residents in need of home repairs, replacements or code up-grades.

Director Cy Wakeley told the County Board the Housing Commission has been "on a roll" lately and has been successful in obtaining grant monies to help those in need.

There are many loan programs to

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Photo courtesy of Mercy Health Services North

## Grant helps brighten lives

At Mercy Manor, Genevieve Jacobs enjoys the companionship provided by Ebony, the cocker spaniel. The long-term care facility received a grant recently to implement "The Eden Alternative," a program to help residents overcome loneliness, boredom and feelings of helplessness. For the complete story see Page 8A.

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## Wright seeks second term as Supervisor

Grayling Township Supervisor, Terry Wright, has thrown his hat into the ring as a candidate for re-election. His name will be listed on the August 8 primary ballot as a Republican. If re-elected, Wright will be sworn into his second four-year term in November.

In announcing his candidacy Wright stated his desire to push forward the current agenda of service and progress for all township residents.

"I came to the township at a very opportune time," Wright said. "The excellent employees and the members of the board of trustees were ready to take some big steps in providing more and better services to the people. I think they've accomplished a lot, and I'm proud to have been with them. Their vision and foresight has made my job relatively easy, and very enjoyable."

Wright said major accomplishments have included an award winning recycling and composting program, dedicated police protection, trash cleanup program, improved building inspection services, erosion and runoff repair program at Lake Margrethe, road safety and repair program, and very recently an industrial and commercial job development program.

"In addition," Wright said, "a number of internal improvements have happened. Necessary ordinances like the adult entertainment ordinance have been adopted, and computer systems have been upgraded. We also expanded our small meeting room. Now it will meet township assembly needs for many years to come."

"All in all, the service you receive when you walk into the township office is better today than its ever been," Wright said. If I'm re-elected I'll continue to give it my best effort to further improve and increase services without raising taxes. That's all

I can promise."

Wright said his decision to seek re-election came after talks with many local residents, most of whom urged him to run again. He said he didn't want to appear to the public as a career politician, but rather as a worker who likes the job of public servant. He also said he hates the job of campaigning.

"If I didn't like the job, and if I didn't think I was doing a good job, you can bet I wouldn't be jumping back into another campaign. I didn't much enjoy the first one," Wright said.

Prior to his election as supervisor, Wright had been the news editor of the *Crawford County Avalanche* where he won the 1994 Local Government Journalism Award from the International City/County Manager's Association. He has also written for *Governing Magazine*, *CAM Magazine*, *Canoe & Kayak Magazine*, and *Backpacker Magazine*, as well as a number of state and local newspapers.

The development of the township recycling center brought Wright a 1998 O.B. Eustis award for environmental excellence. That same year he was listed in *Who's Who in American Business*.

In 1999 he was awarded a fellowship to the Michigan Political Leadership Program by Michigan State University, and later was



Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright

awarded a Hometown Leadership Award by the National Association of Towns and Townships.

In the mid-1980s, Wright served as the executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

He currently serves on the boards of directors of the Michigan Association of Township

Supervisors, Grayling Kiwanis Club, Crawford County Historical Society, Crawford County Library, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Crawford County Republican Party.

Wright is a lifelong resident of the Grayling area. His wife, Linda, works as a Dial-A-Ride driver and dispatcher.

## Mother warns others of possible choking hazard

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Three-and-one-half year old Tyler Eilers gave his mom quite a scare a few weeks ago when he choked on a plastic inflation insert he somehow removed from a new play ball.

Luckily, Tyler came out of the incident no worse for wear because his mother sought prompt medical treatment in the Grayling Mercy Hospital Emergency Room. But, now she wants to warn all other parents of the potential dangers the



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

Little Tyler Eilers has a new ball to play with in his backyard after some scary moments in the ER. The 3 1/2-year old suffered only a sore throat after choking on a small part used to inflate a large play ball that has since been removed from store shelves.



This plastic inflation pin became lodged in Tyler Eilers' throat, causing him to choke.

inserts, which are common in inflated vinyl play balls, pose to toddlers.

"I don't want to sue anyone. I just want to warn parents that these things can come out of these balls," said Teresa Eilers of Grayling. After receiving medical attention, Tyler told his mother he thought the insert was a whistle and put it in his mouth to blow on it. Teresa was out of the room when her young son began choking.

While Eilers purchased the ball at the local Glen's Market, millions of the balls have been distributed for sale across the country by Hedstrom Corporation, including at many KMart and Wal-Mart stores.

The "large play balls," as referred to on Glen's store inventory, sold for \$3.99, and were removed from the shelf immediately after Manager Mark White was made aware of the choking incident. It is the only report of such an incident he has received.

White said he's informed Glen's

Market corporate headquarters of the potential problem, as well as the other stores in the chain. He has also contacted the distributor of the play balls via e-mail.

A spokesman for Hedstrom said the company has sold the 21-inch ball for years without any concerns like this and believes this is an isolated incident.

Hedstrom welcomes inquiries regarding the safety of the ball by writing the company at 710 Orange Street, Ashland City, OH 44805.

Phone calls may be directed to Ken Frisby at (419) 289-9558. Frisby said the balls in question have satisfied all safety testing requirements.

Glen's Market has a 100% satisfaction guarantee return policy on products they sell, therefore, White said anyone who wishes to return the 21-inch ball for a refund may do so.

The colorful play balls remaining for sale at Glen's measure approximately 10-inches and do not contain the inflation insert in question.

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## Taylor chosen as Grand Marshall for 2000 parade

by Betty Bennett  
Parade Chairperson

The Parade Committee of the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) has chosen the theme of "Broadway" for the 2000 AuSable River Festival Parade. Once the theme was chosen, there was really no doubt as to who should be the Grand Marshall. Our first thought was "who else... Howard Taylor!"

For some who may not know, Howard Taylor came to Grayling in 1965. He was hired as the Vocal Music Teacher at Grayling High School and given direction to do Musical Theater.

Since that time, Howard has produced and directed over 24 musical theater productions. Among these are *Brigadoon*, *Camelot*, *My Fair Lady*, *Oklahoma*, *Oliver*, *Flower Drum Song*, *Mame*, *Sound of Music*.



Howard Taylor

*Hello Dolly*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Music Man*, *No, No Nanette*, *Lil' Abner*, *How to Succeed in Business*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Anything*

*Goes, Babes in Arms*, *Half a Sixpence* and *Annie*.

All this, plus teaching vocal music and working with special groups. Some of these were the Grayling High School Special Chorus, the High School Caroliers, and the Singing Vikings. And, that's not all. Taylor also put on productions of several Gilbert and Sullivan operettas at the junior high level.

After retiring from teaching, Taylor continued his love of theater with productions at the Holiday Inn. He wrote and produced many of these plays. Another group under Taylor's direction were The Holiday Inn Singers.

All this -- plus organizing, playing and promoting the AuSable River Dixieland Jazz Band that has played for just about every event in Grayling that needed music.

Currently, Taylor is the owner and operator of Wellington Farm Park, located just south of Grayling on Military Road.

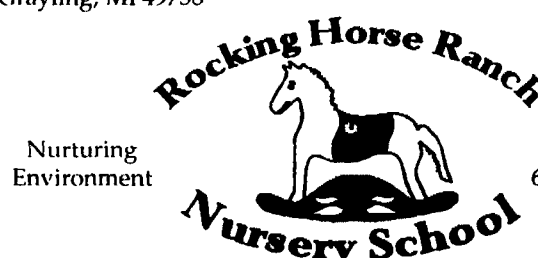
And so, we are excited that we can honor Howard Taylor -- "Grayling's Mr. Broadway" -- as Grand Marshall for the 2000 AuSable River Festival Parade.

GPA is enthusiastic about this year's parade. We would like to encourage all businesses, service clubs, churches and social groups to put an entry into the parade. Remember -- the bigger the parade, the better the parade. We'll have the bands -- we'll have the Shriners -- but we need local entries.

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## Details released in Texas drug arrests of local teens

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Travis County, Texas law enforcement has released detailed information regarding the arrest of two local high school students a little after 11 p.m. on April 11.

According to the sworn affidavit for warrant of arrest and detention issued, Travis County Sheriff's peace officer Reuben Garcia stopped a vehicle, described as a green 1997 Dodge Intrepid with Michigan plates, because he noticed the license plate light was not working.

Driving the car was Allison Schoen, then 17, of Grayling. She has since turned 18 years old. Garcia reported Schoen had an odor of beer on her breath and saw an 18-pack of beer was in plain view on the left rear passenger floor board. The officer asked Schoen to exit the car, then asked her who owned the beer.

At that point, Garcia detained Schoen for driving under the influence of an illegal beverage and she told the officer the beer belonged to the front seat passenger, later identified as Michael Wayne Lindaas, age

35, of Travis County.

Schoen was asked if she had any illegal items in her car. Garcia said Schoen replied, "No, you can search the car if you want." The officer asked the two rear passengers to exit the vehicle. They were identified as Heidi Hellebuyck, 17, of Grayling and Daniel Radford Johnson, 23, of Travis County.

Garcia searched the car and found, in the glove compartment, what he described as a clear plastic bag containing what he believed to be marijuana. Results of a field test showed positive for marijuana, with a total weight of 29.8 grams, considered a usable amount in Texas.

Found in the vehicle's front passenger side door compartment were two plastic and glass containers holding what Garcia suspected to be cocaine. The containers were placed inside a cigarette box. The white powder in the containers tested positive for cocaine in a field test. Although the suspected cocaine weighed less than one gram, the officer stated it was still a usable amount of the drug.

According to Garcia, Hellebuyck informed him that when the traffic

stop first occurred, she saw Johnson take two plastic bags out of his pants' pockets and was holding them on his lap, but didn't know where Johnson had them concealed at that moment.

Garcia searched the back seat where Johnson had been seated and found the two plastic bags Hellebuyck described. Inside those bags were what Garcia believed to be Lysergic Acid Diethylamide or L.S.D. A total of 17 "hits" or small pieces of paper were found and Garcia stated they tested positive for the controlled substance.

Schoen and Hellebuyck admitted to Garcia they owned the marijuana. In Texas, 17-year olds can be held criminally responsible for their own actions and considered adults by the courts. On April 12, the girls were arraigned in Austin Municipal Court on possession of two ounces or less of marijuana. Both paid bonds of \$750. If convicted, each faces up to \$2,000 in fines, up to 180 days in the Travis County Jail -- or both. Preliminary hearings have yet to be scheduled.

Officer Garcia considered Lindaas to be in "care, control, cus-

tody and management of the cocaine" because it was found in a storage compartment most accessible to him. He was charged with 3rd degree felony possession of a controlled substance.

Johnson, who Garcia considered responsible for the L.S.D., plead guilty in Harris County, Texas Criminal Court to driving while intoxicated back in 1997. Besides traffic violations, no prior convictions were found in Lindaas' background within the state of Texas.

If convicted of the felony charges, Lindaas could serve anywhere from 180 days to two years in the state jail and fined up to \$10,000. Lindaas was released from the Travis County Jail on a \$2,000 surety bond.

Johnson is out on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. If Johnson is convicted of 4th degree felony possession of a controlled substance, he faces two to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Both mens' cases are now in the hands of the Travis County District Attorney's Office, awaiting indictment. No court dates have been scheduled thus far for Lindaas or Johnson.

## Parents are the ticket to GMS special event

by Shirley Currison  
Parent Involvement Team

Your child needs you! The only way they can attend this activity night is to bring a parent or guardian along. You're their ticket to get in.

If your child attends Grayling Middle School, here's your chance to see what's really happening there.

On Thursday, April 27, the Parent Involvement Team will be sponsoring the first annual Parent Involvement Night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ever want to get to know the teachers and staff a little better and find out just what kind of place we send them to day after day? Well, here's your chance.

We will start the evening off with a discussion about a new program

that the parent's group and the middle school have decided to make their target goal -- Asset Building. We will be lucky enough to have outside students present that evening who have been participating in this program, to share their experiences.

Asset Building involves the community, the families and the school all working together to help our students improve their chances of success. The parent's group believes this is a very common sense approach to helping our children.

Four members of the Parent Improvement Team attended a conference this past fall on Asset Building and came back very excited about it.

There will also be a presentation

during Parent Involvement Night on Internet Safety, given by Pete Ingvarsson. We all know that this is becoming a real issue with children these days. I'm sure we can all learn something valuable from this session. After that, the kids will be more than willing to challenge us to a game of basketball, volleyball, chess or even show us a few new dance moves. We can probably even teach them a few old ones!

So, be there this Thursday, April 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Grayling Middle School. Remember... YOU are the ticket to attending this activity night. There will be snacks, games, prizes and lots of fun and information. We hope to see you there.

## New member appointed to Housing Commission

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help replace a roof, septic field, furnace, etc. for households of any size on limited, low or moderate incomes.

Recently, a Community Development Block Grant was issued to the county by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. This grant will allow the Housing Commission

to offer improvement loans to homeowners with income up to \$43,575 at interest rates as low as 0-3%.

Wakeley said he welcomes questions at (517) 348-3513.

## Camp's rep to visit Grayling

A representative for Congressman Dave Camp will be visiting the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce (located at 213 N. James Street at the City Park) on Friday, April 28.

Tarin Eisenga will be meeting constituents between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. to discuss any federal issue or matter. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to discuss a federal matter, is asked to call 1-800-342-2455.

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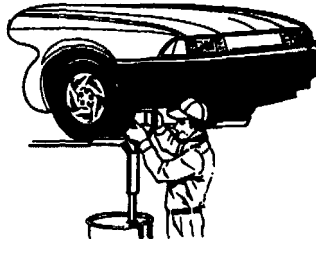
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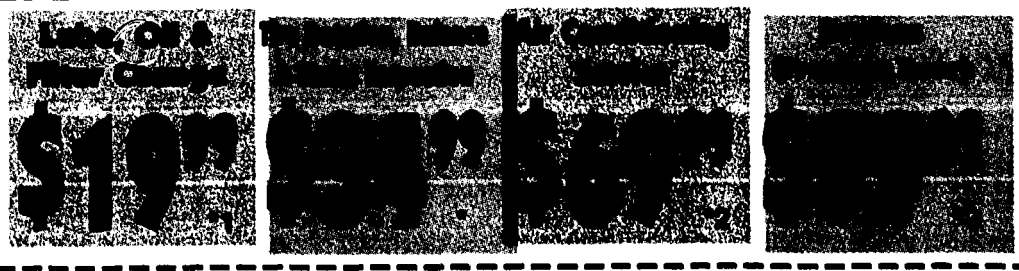
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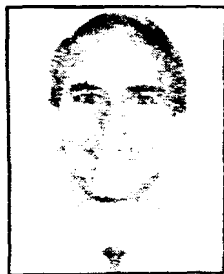
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

# How did you celebrate Earth Day?

The 30th annual celebration of Earth Day came and went. Did you notice?

It was Saturday.

Aside from the controversy surrounding Leonardo DiCaprio's involvement, the day slipped by with hardly a notice.

It seems that the young Hollywood hunk -- born nearly 10 years after the inaugural Earth Day -- has taken an interest in saving the environment. He also seems to have morphed from screen actor to acting journalist. In his new role, he was awarded an exclusive interview with President Clinton on the crises facing the environment on the occasion of the 30th Earth Day celebration.

The interview came off.

And the only added flack came from the professed professional journalists who were not given the exclusive. It appears that they got their hackles up after some young screen hunk landed the big job of seeking environment answers from the administration on Earth Day and they did not.

But if young Leo gets to ask our leadership's views on the environment, so be it.

Vice President Al Gore's views are already well known on the subject. President Clinton just this week saved a forest in California. What more do you need to know?

But other than that, the 30th Earth Day just kind of slipped by. No cake or cookies. No big protests, either.

The reasons could be many.

Among them are the successes of past Earth Day celebrations, at least from an educational perspective.

Translation: We have learned that our earth is a valuable natural resource and needs to be preserved and protected.

No longer do we see those television commercials where the American Indian is paddling down stream in his canoe. He passes the factories dumping waste into his river, past the floating garbage tossed there by uncaring passers-by. He turns to the camera, shedding a tear.

In 1976, Michigan passed the bottle bill, which sources claim was the most influential single piece of legislation in cleaning up

our state's roadways.

It did, however, forever change the way your local grocer, your local bottler and your local drink distributor did business. It placed the emphasis for the change on the consumer, but placed the burden of collection and retention on the supplier.

Fair? Probably not. But today, it works. Seldom do you see discarded cans or bottles -- or other substantial litter, for that matter -- strewn along our roadways.

Also extremely successful was the MDOT "Adopt a Highway" program, where your club or organization could "adopt" a few miles of a local state roadway and clean up the litter there a couple times a year.

In the newspaper industry, it didn't take legislation to change the way we operate.

Long rumored -- falsely, I may add -- to be the largest contributor to landfill waste, newspapers in this state began a self-regulated drive to use recycled newsprint. In the mid 1980s, around 10 percent of newsprint was recycled. Today, more than 75 percent of the newspaper used in this state contains

recycled content. And better yet, newspaper remains a renewable resource. When a tree is cut down, a new one is planted.

So in many ways, Americans have almost eliminated the need for Earth Day. It has done its job. Businesses are environmentally conscious. Homeowners recycle. Children are taught not to litter. We have been educated.

Today's issues -- like greenhouse gases and global warming, the dangers of the internal combustion engine and the ozone layer -- lack for luster.

You cannot see the ozone layer, like you could see roadway trash. Greenhouse gases do not look like a discarded washing machine tossed in a river.

Global warming remains a controversial concept that can be proven as often as it can be disproved. And each winter, Michiganders seem to look forward to a little global warming.

And convincing Americans to give up their gas-powered cars in favor of solar or electric models will not happen in your life-

time. Especially not here in Michigan, the auto capital of the world.

We are in a unique situation here. While we lead in combustion engine car production, we also have the most abundant and beautiful lakes.

You can't drive an hour in Michigan before you hit a substantial and free body of water. Yet we line up at the grocery store and spend upwards of \$6 per gallon on fancy bottled drinking water.

Yet for the most part, our factories are clean. Our air is clean, our water is clean. Our citizens are conscientious and caring.

A quiet Earth Day? You bet. We have learned. We have earned it.

But feel free to go out and plant a tree. Still nothing wrong with that.

*Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling, Marshall and Three Rivers.*

# EDITOR

## Texas drug arrest not front page news

To the editor,

I must say, this paper has sunk to an extreme low. Yes, I am referring to the front page article on the two teens arrested in Texas.

I recently arrived home to Grayling from Detroit where I attend law school, to spend Easter weekend with my family. One of the first things I did when I got here was pick up the *Avalanche*. I am sorry that I did. What I saw was very disturbing. As I read, I wondered to myself if you put any thought into that article at all.

First of all, I think it is beyond sad that you considered this to be front page news. This paper prints quite a few articles not worth reading, but usually they are buried in the back somewhere.

There were several other pieces that warranted front page placement before the story about the two girls on spring break. How should this make the gentleman feel that just opened up a new business. I'm sure the community is excited about that. A skate boarding shop, that's a plus

for kids around here, but it's only on page 9A. Or what about the new child care center article on page 10A, or the visionary nurse on page 11A. Why aren't these things worthy of the front page? Is it because they are too positive?

Secondly, I wish you would have considered what you were doing to these girls' families. Grayling is a very unforgiving little town. Did you not think the rumor mill sufficient to spread this around, because I assure you that it is. I think there are several people that will vouch for me when I say, you are very much judged by what your children do, and I think this article will foster undue criticism of the parents and siblings of these two girls.

Thirdly, why does the article announce the achievements of the girls. Does the fact that they made a mistake make their prior achievements any less spectacular? Does it render their dreams any less viable? You say, "[s]he said she hoped to successfully complete high school and college," as if that is not at all a

foreseeable occurrence. I assure you that is not the case. I think this was a case of some good kids using bad judgment. When you are eighteen years old sometimes things aren't really in perspective.

I am not condoning the use of illegal substances, and I am not saying that there will not be a price to pay, but people make mistakes, especially when we're young, and I think there is a pretty good chance that these girls learned a valuable lesson that will only make them wiser.

I think it is unfortunate that these girls will most likely be remembered in the future not for their accomplishments, or even for the productive well-rounded lives I am sure they will lead, but for this one incident that made front page news because of one editor's bad judgment. I hope your conscience bothers you.

Danyell Galvani  
Grayling, Detroit

## Small town less tolerant of drugs in the news

To the editor,

Shame on you Cheryl Rule!

The story about the two local girls was so mean spirited -

Did you have to print names and give their impressive high school records? Wouldn't the story have been just as informative without all that?

They haven't been convicted of anything - except now, by public opinion.

And small-town folks know that there are gossips, informers and just plain self-righteous people who act as judge and jury.

Never mind the facts, the sometimes unknown, the sometimes unusual circumstances that are such an integral part of any story; sad, happy or sensational.

Why don't you get a life? If you like this kind of journalism go to

the city where your front page news will be buried between the ad for Farmer Jacks and "Everything must go." Or better yet, the "inquiring minds want to know" genre.

I, for one, have to say, have some compassion for all the other people that are impacted by the parading of names through the mud of our once respected hometown paper.

I don't know you and I don't want to, but maybe you should remember to show a little kindness - we all want a gentler world. Let's start by not feasting on the bones of the less fortunate and more to the point, not smacking our lips when we do!

Jackie Lepsy  
Grayling

## Why the poppy?

To the editor,

On the World War I battlefields of Belgium, poppies grew wild amid the ravaged landscape. How could such a pretty little flower grow wild while surrounded by so much death and destruction? The overturned soils of the battles enabled the poppy seeds to be covered, thus allowing them to grow in profusion. They will forever serve as a reminder of the bloodshed during that time and for all future wars.

American Legion Auxiliary volunteers will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted poppies honoring America's war dead on May 11, 12 and 13 this year, designated as "Poppy Days" by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 in Grayling.

The annual event pays tribute to those veterans who have died in the past 75 years. It also honors the millions of Americans who have willingly served their country in those seven decades.

It serves as well as honors the veteran with all the proceeds from the distribution invested in local programs for the benefit of the veteran and his/her family.

Each nine-piece poppy is made by veterans for veterans in Auxiliary-sponsored Poppy Shops that supplement physical and psychological therapy needed by hospitalized and disabled veterans.

The memorial Poppy is never sold, but given in exchange for a contribution.

The Poppy Program has been part of Auxiliary programming for more than 70 years. It has been estimated that approximately 25 million Americans wear the poppy to honor America's war dead and all veterans, contributing over \$2 million for rehabilitation and welfare purposes.

Jeri Selthoffer is Chairwoman of this year's event.

American Legion Auxiliary  
Post #106, Grayling

## Reporting of drug arrest was in very poor taste

To the editor,

We feel this paper has stooped to low levels. To name the two young ladies and blast them on the front page was in very poor taste. We all have children and grand-children and a long road to travel.

The writer is obviously a saint

who has never erred, or has been turned down by one or more of the organizations she chose to crucify.

We are seriously wondering about selling the 200 plus papers each week and our advertising.

Charles and Marilyn Fick  
Grayling

## Regardless of news, Nanny's still proud

To the editor,

This is for Heidi and Allie:

Oh my goodness!! The news is out!! Got this old town buzzin', no doubt!

Why, the story changes and gets bigger each day! People in this town sure have a lot to say!!

The story they printed on the newspaper's front page!! Well, I read it and it filled me with rage!!

News travels fast in this old town! People love to kick you when you're already down!

Isn't it funny how they know it all!! Why, you'd think they were right there when you took your fall!!

Things are bigger in Texas, that's true! But who would of thought you'd make the front page news!!

Someday soon this will all come to an end. There is better times just

around the bend.

No matter what they print in the news, I want you to know I'm proud of you two.

So, you two keep your little heads held high. And tell people to tend to their own knittin' as they pass by!!

Love you bunches

Nanny

Sandra Woolsey

Grayling

## Avalanche has 'reached the bottom of the garbage'

To the editor,

Congratulations to you and your staff writer, Cheryl Ruley. You have finally reached the bottom of the garbage can for front page. "bold print" headlines in your April 20, 2000 edition of the *Avalanche* regarding two GHS students arrest-

ed in Texas.

I definitely do not condone marijuana use or any other illegal act - but headline news?? A severe crime doesn't get such an elaborate write-up.

If your reporters and writers thrive on this type of material you

## Reputations smeared by story

To the editor,

I am aware sensationalism sells newspapers, but what is the good of smearing the names and reputations of two girls, seniors, from Grayling High School? I believe this is irresponsible reporting. Let him who is without sin cast the first stone!

Was this meant to cast a cloud

upon the Honor Society or jealousy?

The incident - mistake - will be costly to the girls and the parents to retrieve the automobile.

I don't believe the reporter can be proud of the story.

Mileta Taylor  
Grayling

would need many front pages. I suggest they visit the school grounds, the city park, Glen's Market parking lot and the street corners. They would be overwhelmed with great articles.

Oh yes, and do publish the names of all the buyers, sellers and users, regardless of age and social status, on the front page with big bold headlines.

Marion Shirkey  
Grayling

## In Flanders Fields

by Dr. John McCree (1919)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

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-Editorial Staff, Crawford County Avalanche-



# BRIEFS

## GYBC plans indoor basketball tourney

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is sponsoring *Jamfest 2000*, a 3-on-3 indoor basketball tournament, Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21 at Grayling area schools. A total of 10 age divisions for both boys and girls will be available to the first 15 teams to register per age bracket. Registration deadline is May 9. Volunteers are needed to serve as game officials, concession attendants, parking attendants, etc. To volunteer, call Doug Hinkle, evenings only, at (517) 348-5214. For more information on tournament entry call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at (517) 348-2921.

## Second chess tourney planned at KCC

Kirtland Community College's Student Senate will sponsor a second public Chess Tournament on Saturday, April 29 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center on campus. The tournament is open to everyone of all ages. There is no entry fee. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.; play begins at 1 p.m. For pre-registration or more information, call Mark Allen at (517) 275-5000, ext. 342.

## Middle school to hold book fair

The Grayling Middle School book fair will be held in the media center May 1-5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will be a "2-for-1" event and parents and friends are welcome. For more information, call Bea Patrick at 348-5892, ext. 224.

## Wednesday womens' golf league to meet

The Wednesday Womens' Golf League organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, May 3 at the Grayling Country Club at 8:30 a.m. Golf will be played after the meeting, weather permitting.

## Rosco Posse hosts donkey basketball

The Roscommon County Sheriff's Posse will host a Celebrity Donkey Basketball game at Houghton Lake High School on Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Fun Time Party Store in Houghton Lake or at the door that evening. All proceeds go to help pay for the county's K-Nine Unit, D.A.R.E. and the Roscommon Township Dive/Water Rescue Project. The Posse will also benefit by being able to obtain badly needed radio and "search and rescue" equipment.

## KCC women's basketball seeks players

Kirtland Community College women's basketball coach Jim Parker has scheduled two open gym sessions for women interested in playing for the Kirtland Firebirds this upcoming season. The open gyms will be held at the CRAF Center in Roscommon on April 29 and June 10. Both sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, call Coach Parker at (517) 344-3217 or (517) 348-8705.

## Pictionary Olympics planned for Friday

The 13th Annual Pictionary Olympics, sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association, will be held Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling. Sponsor fee per four-member team is \$60 and team members should come dressed in T-shirts representing their business or organization. Trophies will be given out and a 50/50 raffle will be held. All proceeds will benefit future community projects and the 2000 AuSable River Festival Parade. For more information, call Deb Zelek at (517) 348-8757 or 348-6551.

## Michelson hosts all-you-can-eat lunch

An all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert will be served Thursday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Take out is available and all are welcome.

## Transplant Support Group to meet

The Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will meet Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. at Otsego Memorial Hospital, 825 N. Center in Gaylord. The Otsego County Division EMTs will speak and give special instructions on emergency procedures. The public is welcome to attend. The group is designed for anyone who is pre- or post-transplant, their family or friends, caregivers, donors or other interested community members. For more information, call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188. To inquire about meeting cancellations, call (517) 731-2193. Pre-registration is not required.

## Retired federal employees meet next week

The local chapter of the National Association for Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, May 4 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., with business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. For more information, call Rudy Martinez at (517) 348-5326.

## Tour nature center with Master Gardeners

Everyone interested is invited to join the Master Gardeners Society for a tour of the Gahagan Nature Center on Monday, May 8. The group will meet in the parking lot of the Center located on Southline Road, off of M-18 in Roscommon at 7 p.m. Master Gardener Barb Bishoff will help identify wild flowers in bloom at the time. The group's business meeting will be held at the Center after walking the trails. For more information, call President Barb at (517) 275-5832.

## Kiwanis begins playhouse raffle

On Saturday, April 29, the Grayling Kiwanis Club will be at the Grayling Recreational Authority Spring Soccer League's season opener, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, displaying the playhouse to be raffled off. Funds raised from the raffle support youth activities. For more information, call Tammy at 348-6511.

## Legion to hold election of officers

Attention Legionnaires of Grayling Post 106: Election of officers for 2000-2001 will be part of the regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, May 8 at the post.

## Meeting planned for retired state workers

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held beginning at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2 at the Houghton Lake Community Building. Guest speaker will be Trooper William Tyrrell and Bane, his narcotics tracking dog from the Michigan State Police Canine Unit. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

## Free seedlings offered

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District would like to help residents celebrate Arbor Day by presenting each with a tree seedling to plant in their yards.

These conifers, hardwoods and wildlife shrubs are provided free of charge (limit of one to each person) to all who visit our Spring 2000 tree distribution April 28 and 29. This event will be held at the Roscommon County Fairgrounds Friday from noon - 4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Any school classes, youth groups, civic

organizations, etc. are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

At this same time, additional quantities of seedlings may be purchased. Species available are: cedar, hemlock, fir, pines, spruces, birch, poplar, maples, oaks, apple, ash, hawthorn, several berry producing shrubs, and dogwoods.

For further information and to receive the Conservation District newsletter, call (517) 275-5231 or stop in the office located in the CRAF Center at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon.

## Parenting workshop starts May 4

Dates for the "Love and Logic" Parenting Program have been set. This program is designed for parents who would like to learn new techniques in order to build upon the skills they already possess.

The four-week series will be offered in Crawford County at the Head Start Center beginning Thursday, May 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Crawford-Roscommon Council (CRCPC) and the Crawford County (NEMCSA) Head Start Program are sponsoring this workshop.

This program is also scheduled to begin in Roscommon County at Markey Baptist Church. This four-week session will be held 9 a.m. to

11 a.m. beginning Thursday, May 4. Childcare and refreshments are available free of charge. Transportation is available if needed.

To register for the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" workshop, call (517) 366-6916 or (517) 348-7639. Leave a message with a contact phone number so registration may be confirmed. Please indicate if transportation or childcare is needed at time of registration.

Questions about the program may also be directed to Michelle MacArthur (CRCPC Director) at (517) 366-6916 or Sherry Garner (Head Start Area Manager) at (517) 348-7639.

## Red Cross schedules blood drives

Two Red Cross blood drives are scheduled next week in Crawford County.

There will be a drive on Wednesday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at Grayling High School. This drive is sponsored by students for the community and students.

A second blood drive will be held at the Frederic Elementary School on Thursday, May 4 from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m.

All donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. Senior citizens are welcome to donate blood. Any questions concerning blood donation will be answered by the nursing staff.

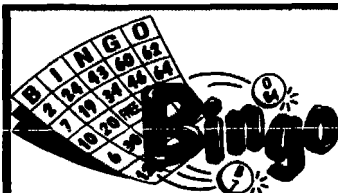
All types of blood are needed.

## Johannesburg site of Fiddlers' Jamboree

A Fiddlers' Jamboree with old-fashioned square dancing is planned for Saturday, May 6 at Johannesburg Charlton Township Hall (on M-32 - 12 miles east of Gaylord). Jamboree runs from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and dancing goes from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Bring a fiddle or other non-electrified instrument. The public is invited and callers are welcome. The Jamboree is free, however donations are welcome at the door. Refreshments and food will be available.

For more information, call Austin or Geneva Myers at (517) 732-3855.



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Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

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# The Bible Speaks

## Our 2nd Amendment Rights

Defense of America's guns to protect our unalienable rights of life, liberty, and property preceded our revolution against England. Stephen P. Halbrook, Ph.D., J.D. has written a brilliant historical treatise tracing our Second Amendment rights in America. We quote parts of Halbrook's work on how the British sparked the Revolution by attempting to disarm all Americans in the colonies:

"In 1777, William Knox, Under Secretary of State in the British Colonial Office circulated a proposal entitled 'What is Fit to be Done with America?'" Knox advocated the creation of a ruling aristocracy loyal to the Crown, establishment of the Church of England throughout the colonies and an unlimited power to tax. To keep them servile, Knox offered the panacea of disarming all of the people and relying solely on a standing army.

"The Militia Laws should be repealed and none suffered to be re-enacted, & the Arms of all the People should be taken away, & every piece of Ordnance removed into the King's Stores, nor should any Foundry or manufactory of Arms, Gunpowder, or Warlike Stores, be ever suffered in America, nor should any Gunpowder, Lead, Arms or Ordnance be imported into it without License; they will have but little need of such things for the future, as the King's Troops,

Ships & Forts will be sufficient to protect them from any danger."

Brave men in the colonies resisted British disarmament of Americans by passing local laws protecting their gun rights. In an article signed "E.A.," Samuel Adams recalled the English Bill of Rights using quotes by Sir William Blackstone, as a defense for their own private ownership of guns in America.

"At the revolution, the British constitution was again restored to its original principles, declared in the bill of rights; which was afterwards pass'd into a law, and stands as a bulwark to the natural rights of subjects. 'To vindicate these rights, says Mr. Blackstone, when actually violated or attack'd, the subjects of England are entitled first to the regular administration and free course of justice in the courts of law—next to the right of petitioning the King and parliament for redress of grievances—and lastly, to the right of having and using arms for self-preservation and defence.' These he calls 'auxiliary subordinate rights, which serve principally as barriers to protect and maintain inviolate the three great and primary rights of personal security, personal liberty, and private property'. And that of having arms for their defense he tells us is 'a public allowance, under due restrictions, of the natural right of resistance and self

preservation, when the sanctions of society and laws are found insufficient to restrain the violence of oppression. — How little do those persons attend to the rights of the constitution, if they know anything about them, who find fault with a late vote of this town, calling upon the inhabitants to provide themselves with arms for their defence at any time; but more especially, when they had reason to fear, there would be a necessity of the means of self preservation against the violence of oppression." Slavery begins by the control of weapons. Christ said, "... he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." (Luke 22:36b)

—Pastor "B"—  
Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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# Soil and Water Stewardship Observance

## materials available to local churches

Community Waters is the theme for the 2000 Soil and Water Stewardship Observance. This annual observance, celebrated between the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, reminds us of our individual responsibilities to care for the soil and water resources upon which we depend.

It's history dates back to the tradition of Rogation Days in Medieval Europe, where a celebration of prayer and penance became a popular annual event designed to implore God to help people avoid privation and suffering from periods of bad weather, drought, or crop failures.

Soil and Water Stewardship is sponsored by the National Association of Conservation

Districts (NACD), whose members are 3,000 local conservation districts that manage soil and water conservation programs in every community.

Since 1955, NACD has selected an annual theme and developed educational materials for churches of all denominations. The materials are reviewed by an Advisory Committee composed of ministers and lay leaders from a number of religious denominations.

In the 2000 materials, we are reminded of the need to join together in community efforts to keep our waters clean and healthy. This will usually require attention to how the lands around each community are treated. Where farm fields, pastures, and forests enjoy good conservation management, the result is water that flows clean and clear most of the time.

For people who live in cities, this means that the local drinking water supply is more dependable, and that it costs less because it enters the local water treatment plant clean instead of dirty.

Keeping community waters clean

and plentiful takes effort from everyone. From huge farm fields down to tiny city lawns, people who protect soil from erosion and apply chemicals carefully are doing their part to keep waters clean. When you turn off unused lights or buy an energy-efficient home appliance, you not only save energy and money, you also conserve precious water.

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## The Hand of the Potter



How fascinating to observe the potter as she molds a mere hunk of clay into art. This craftsman is in complete control of the size and the shape of the vessel spinning on the wheel. Determined by the pressure of the fingers, the object of choice appears. During the sculpting process, one might wonder how it will come to be, but the potter knows from the very beginning.

At times we are puzzled by God, the greatest potter. We do not understand how He shapes us in His own image...the greatest work of all time. We question our Creator, "Why me, Lord?" In Isaiah 64:7-8, Isaiah questioned God... "for Thou hast hid Thy face from us, and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities." But Isaiah trusted God's love... "Yet, O Lord, Thou art our Father; we are the clay and Thou art the Potter; we are all the work of Thy hand."

Worship this week. God will shape you into His image.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 12:12-19	John 13:1-20	John 13:21-38	John 18:1-18	John 18:19-40	John 19:1-30	John 19:31-42

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Sunday Service... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday... 8 pm

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Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
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Sunday Worship... 8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School - Sept. - May... 9:45 to 10:45  
Sunday Radio Ministry... 8 am, 101.1 WQON  
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 517-275-1061

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).  
Church Service... 9:30 am  
Sabbath School... 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm  
Morning Prayer Meeting... 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship... 10:30 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament... 10 am  
Sunday School... 11 am  
Primary... 11 am  
Priesthood... 12 noon  
Relief Society... 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
Pastor James Briney  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship... 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wednesday... 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224

Sunday School... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastor Patricia Fowler  
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Church School... 9:45 am  
Sunday School... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
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Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor  
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657

**Sabbath Eucharist**  
Saturday Vigil Mass... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses... 8:00 am  
Family Mass... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays)... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses... 11 am  
Wednesday & Fridays... 8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm  
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**New Life Ministries**  
Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
517-536-7933 • [jmcwat@freeway.net](mailto:jmcwat@freeway.net)  
Sunday Services... 11:00 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm

Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Gordon French, Pastor

Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613  
Sunday Classes... 10 am  
Sunday Worship... 11 am  
Sunday Evening... 6 pm

Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School... 9 am  
Sunday Service... 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325

Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Colby  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling

Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557  
Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(616) 258-3448

Sunday School... 10 am  
Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday... 7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey

Sunday School... 10 am  
Chapel Service... 11 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor

6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093 or 348-5362

Early Service... 8:30 am  
Sunday School... 10 am  
Morning Service... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor

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Sunday Worship... 8 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible Study... 9:15 am

Tuesday Night School... 5:30 pm  
Wednesday am Bible Study... 9 am  
Lenten Services every Wednesday through April 12th... 7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Rev. Robert Henley  
M-72 West - Office 348-5850

Sunday Holy Eucharist... 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Morning Praise... 10:30 am  
(the second Sunday of each month)

Adult & Children's Sunday School... 9:30 am  
Sunday nursery provided... 10:30 am  
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Sunday Evening Worship... 6 pm  
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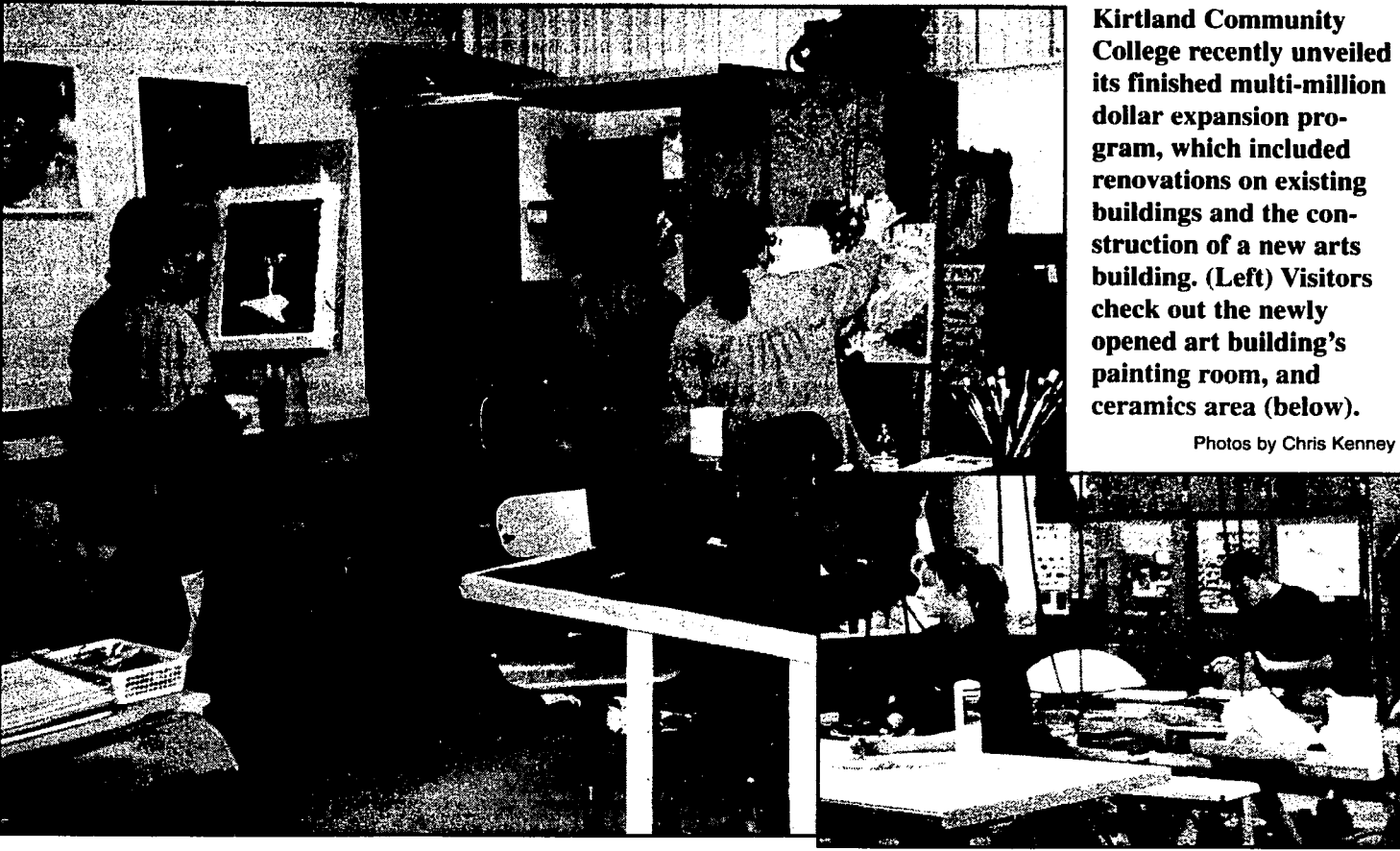
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## Kirtland building expansions completed



Kirtland Community College recently unveiled its finished multi-million dollar expansion program, which included renovations on existing buildings and the construction of a new arts building. (Left) Visitors check out the newly opened art building's painting room, and ceramics area (below).

Photos by Chris Kenney

## Help charities or alma mater with license plate purchase

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller said she is moving forward to make license plates recognizing Michigan's state-supported universities and important causes available for sale, now that all of the enabling specialty fund raising license plate legislation is in place.

The last of nine public acts authorizing the Secretary of State to issue the new license plates was signed into law April 19 by Governor John Engler.

"The alumni and friends of our 15 state-supported universities will be poised to purchase these license plates when they go on sale in the Fall," Secretary Miller said today. "The license plates will offer Michigan residents an opportunity to show pride in the university of their choice, while at the same time helping the university raise some much needed revenue."

"Our license plate program will be further enhanced when we issue six license plates that recognize important causes in our state," Secretary Miller added. "Fund raising license plates will be a win-win for everyone."

The 15 university license plates will go on sale October 2, 2000, with the six cause license plates slated to go on sale in the Spring of 2001.

Motorists will pay an additional \$35 over their annual vehicle registration fee to purchase a fund raising license plate. That original fee includes a \$10 service fee for production and distribution of the license plate and \$25 for the university or important cause. The plate can be renewed annually for \$10, in addition to the annual vehicle registration fee, with the \$10 going to the university or cause.

A collector version of each license plate will be available for sale to individuals for a one-time fee of \$35, with \$25 going to the university or cause.

The universities that will benefit from the new license plate program are Michigan State University; the University of Michigan; U of M Dearborn; U of M Flint; Central Michigan University; Eastern Michigan University; Western Michigan University; Wayne State University; Saginaw Valley State University; Ferris State University; Grand Valley State University; Michigan Technological University; Northern Michigan University; Lake Superior State University; and Oakland University.

The six causes that will be featured on fund raising license plates next Spring are: The Children's Trust Fund; Non-game Wildlife Habitat; Clean Water; Lighthouse Preservation; Agricultural Heritage; and a Veteran's Memorial Fund.

While the license plate designs are now being finalized, the license plates will carry common design elements to address law enforcement concerns about readability and uniformity. All of the license plates will feature the same standard, highly reflective background sheeting.

Additionally, they will feature the blue bar with the word "Michigan" used on the Auto Centennial and Great Lakes Splendor license plates.

## Phi Theta Kappa chapter inducts new members

Kirtland Community College's local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Alpha Omicron Gamma, inducted 14 new members on March 31.

The occasion was significant for the chapter, the college, new members and guests. Many new members, their families, college faculty and administrators base their first, and lasting, impression of Phi Theta Kappa upon the induction ceremony.

The requirements to become a member are based on the number of hours that each student has completed and a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5, with a continuing maintenance of 3.3 GPA to remain a member.

Phi Theta Kappa is made up of 1.2 million members on 1,200 campuses around the world.

The purpose of the society "shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of

ideas, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."

New members include Anita Doud, St. Helen; Annette Downing, Rose City; Lorraine Downing, St. Helen; Sarah Early, Gaylord; Leigh Foster, Rose City; Nancy Hatfield, Grayling; Robert Hill, Mio; Amber Mathews, Mio; Maureen Melchert, St. Helen; Audry Reghi, Roscommon; David Seward, St. Helen; Autumn Spiegel, Roscommon; Loretta Valdez, Roscommon; Anne VanGuldner, Grayling; Nicole Zajkowski, Mio.

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## Grant helps brighten lives of nursing home residents

Just about everyone knows how good it feels to hold and pet a dog or cat. And, most people take pride in their ability to raise a few thriving house plants that brighten up their home or office. Because of a grant, these two spirit-lifting aspects of life will become even more a part of daily life at an area nursing home.

Mercy Manor, Grayling's hospital-based, long-term care facility has just received confirmation that it has been awarded a grant from the Department of Consumer and Industry Services in the amount of \$8,320. The grant is to be utilized for staff as they begin to implement "The Eden Alternative" process.

"The Eden Alternative is a powerful tool for improving the quality of life for people who live in long term care facilities. It has the potential of transforming nursing homes all over the country," said Glenda Jacobs,

Director of Mercy Manor.

"The concept of The Eden Alternative is that nursing homes must become habitats for human beings rather than institutions for the frail and elderly," Jacobs said. "It is a social model rather than a purely medical model."

The Eden Alternative seeks to eliminate three problems identified with long-term care - loneliness, helplessness and boredom. Caring

for other living things is a key to the process. Mercy Manor has offered the opportunity for residents to care and receive companionship from an array of pets -- two cocker spaniels and an array of birds -- for over ten years. The animals' presence has been clearly beneficial.

Additionally, Mercy Manor has begun to develop relationships with schools and youth groups in the area to ensure contact with children and

the younger set. Plant care has also been incorporated with additional progress to begin in the spring.

"We've always believed in keeping the residents in a social environment."

"The Eden Alternative is a process which will take us to a higher level for creating home life realities for our residents. We are so appreciative of the grant monies," Jacobs remarked.

## Free skin cancer detection screening offered

Free skin cancer screenings will be held from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3 at Dermatology Associates of Northern Michigan located in the former Burns Clinic at 516 W. Mitchell in Petoskey.

The free screenings are co-sponsored by Northern Michigan Hospital and Dermatology

Associates of Northern Michigan, and are intended for people 18 years and older.

The screening is part of a national campaign to encourage early detection and teach prevention of skin cancer, the most common and deadliest form of cancer. The national skin cancer detection program is in its 15th year and is being launched to raise awareness of malignant melanoma and urge Americans to regularly examine their skin for signs of this serious form of skin cancer.

Examinations will be conducted by dermatologists C. Robert Charles, MD and Roger A. Potter, MD of Dermatology Associates of Northern Michigan.

"Our message is that everyone should develop a lifelong habit of examining their skin," said Dr. Charles.

Skin self-examinations consist of periodically looking over your body for any changes in the size, color, shape or texture of a mole, the development of a new mole or any unusual changes in the skin. Any of these signs should be reported to a dermatologist or personal physician right away. To do a thorough exam, it is important to use a full-length and hand-held mirror so you can see the back of your head, your back and buttocks. Don't forget places like your scalp, the soles of your feet and between your toes, under your arms

and the palms of your hands.

A survey commissioned by the Academy of Dermatology showed that fewer than one third of Americans currently examine their skin for signs of melanoma and more than half don't know the signs of melanoma. Dermatologists want to change this because when treated in its earliest stages, melanoma can be cured. If not treated early, the disease can quickly spread to other parts of the body and can be fatal.

Studies also show that damage from the sun to a child's skin can actually increase the odds that they will develop skin cancer as adults. In fact, it is estimated that 80 percent of a person's total lifetime sun exposure occurs in the first 18 years of life. Protecting children from mid-day sun is critical.

"The key to the successful treatment of most types of cancer is early detection and treatment," advised Dr. Potter. "With melanoma, early detection is easy because the signs are right there visible on the surface of the skin."

Individuals who are currently being treated for skin cancer will not be eligible to participate.

Screening participants should arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled appointment time. There are 80 appointments available this year. For more information and to make the required appointment for the screening, call 1-800-248-6777.



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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
For more information about Spring Soccer and other programs offered by GRA at Hanson Hills, call 517-346-2444.

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# High tech unit targets Internet crimes

by Eric Lacy  
Capital News Service

Lansing - The state's new High Tech Unit (HTU) is having a successful first year investigating Internet crimes and becoming a nationwide leader in criminal convictions, says Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

The HTU specializes in crimes such as fraud, computer hacking, liquor sales to minors, child pornography, sexual predator activity and harassment.

"We've been going gangbusters, providing training, overseeing convictions and processing complaint calls every week," Granholm said. "We were the first state to get a conviction for Internet alcohol sales to minors."

The program has trained more than 2,000 law enforcement officials across the state this year and gives state and federal agencies opportunities to work together, Granholm

said. Businesses such as Internet service providers (ISPs) also have met with state officials in conferences to help accommodate each other's needs.

Patrick Corbett, deputy chief of the HTU, said he believes the future looks promising for preventing and prosecuting Internet crimes, but said improvements are necessary.

"For many ISPs, electronic record retention is a problem," Corbett said. "If someone were to receive harassing e-mails for example, the individual or ISP might not have saved the previous e-mails for evidence."

I2K, a Grand Rapids-based ISP serving more than 8,000 customers including a majority of Crawford County users, provides security features to its subscribers to protect themselves against crimes.

"Filtering systems are available to our subscribers and they give the users a choice in what they want to view on the Internet," said general

manager Tim Kirk.

With technology evolving every day, Kirk said he believes that the biggest security problem his subscribers have is the occasional dilemma of receiving mass e-mails from unidentified sources, also known as spamming.

"We haven't had many problems as far as serious Internet crimes, but spamming is probably the most common," Kirk said.

For prosecutors and investigators, taking cases to court can be difficult due to the complicated nature of many Internet crimes.

The HTU has provided them with information and training when researching court cases, Kirk said.

Many ISPs still need more training and resources to handle and report Internet crimes, according to the HTU.

"We need to find a way to get ISPs more equipped so they can take Internet crimes to local prosecutors and investigators," Corbett said.

The HTU plans to collaborate with State Police to provide more support, including more state funding, according to the office of the attorney general.

## Eleven cadets graduate from Police Academy

Eleven cadets will be honored when the Kirtland Regional Police Academy graduates its 10th class on Friday, May 5. Ceremonies begin at 11 a.m. in the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium on the campus of Kirtland Community College. The public is invited.

The graduating class includes cadets from Alpena, Bay City, West Branch, Dearborn Heights, Gaylord, Mio, Newaygo, Ishpeming, Lake City and Leroy.

West Branch City Police Chief Howard Hanft will be the featured commencement speaker. Kirtland President Dr. Charles Rorie and Criminal Justice Director Jerry W. Boerema will also address the graduates.

Special presentations will be made by Police Academy Coordinator Richard Cook and faculty members. Members of the KCC

Board of Trustees and a representative from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards will also be on hand to congratulate the graduates.

Before entering the 17-week Police Academy, students must meet educational prerequisites as well as state-mandated standards, such as physical fitness, mental and emotional stability, and no felony convictions. Upon completion of nearly 700 hours of rigorous, military-style training in the academy, graduates typically begin their careers by working road, marine, snowmobile or off-road-vehicle patrol for municipal police or county sheriff departments.

About 95 percent of Kirtland's Police Academy graduates land jobs in their chosen field within a year of graduation.

## Adopt-A-Highway 'Clean Teams' begin state-wide spring clean up

More than 10,000 volunteers are expected to comb state roadsides for trash April 29 through May 7 as another Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway season gets under way.

"Year after year these orange-vested stalwarts put their best foot forward to make Michigan a more attractive place to live and visit. Besides saving taxpayers millions of dollars annually in litter pick-up costs, the volunteers provide a much higher level of service than we could afford with paid crews," said State Transportation Director James DeSana.

Some 3,000 groups scour roadsides three times a year looking for paper, car parts, shoes and other

trash left behind by motorists. Since the program's inception 11 years ago, volunteers have filled nearly one million bags of trash along 6,700 miles of roads.

In addition to vests, trash bags and identification signs, MDOT supplies each of the groups with safety instructions to help assure a safe pick-up season.

Motorists are encouraged to do their part by driving with extra caution as they approach the "clean teams."

For information on adopting a two-mile section of state highways, call MDOT at (517) 322-3388, or visit the department's web site at <http://www.mdot.state.mi.us/programs/adopt>

## KCC faculty art on exhibit

Now on exhibit at the Jesse Besser Museum is "Faculty Art -- Kirtland Community College."

This mixed media exhibition features works by Benita Cathcart, Carole Donna, Joe Donna, Jason Hall, Phran Ludington, Melissa Pendell, Scott Rice and Mike Waters.

A special "Meet the Artists" public reception, courtesy of the Founders Society of the Museum, will be held at the museum on Sunday afternoon, April 30 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This extra-special exhibit by

members of the Art Department at KCC presents a wide variety of techniques and styles in paintings, prints, photography, ceramics, weavings, etc. -- indicative of each artist's expertise, preferences and individualism -- makes for an intriguing array of artistic expression. Many of the works are for sale.

"Faculty Art -- Kirtland Community College" will be shown through June 1. For further information contact Robert E. Haltiner, Jesse Besser Museum, 491 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707 or call (517) 356-2202.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled during April 26 through May 2.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and

south of Portage Creek.

During April and May, controlled burning of underbrush and downed trees will be conducted on Camp Grayling range impact areas, weather permitting and in coordination with the Michigan DNR to reduce further fire danger.

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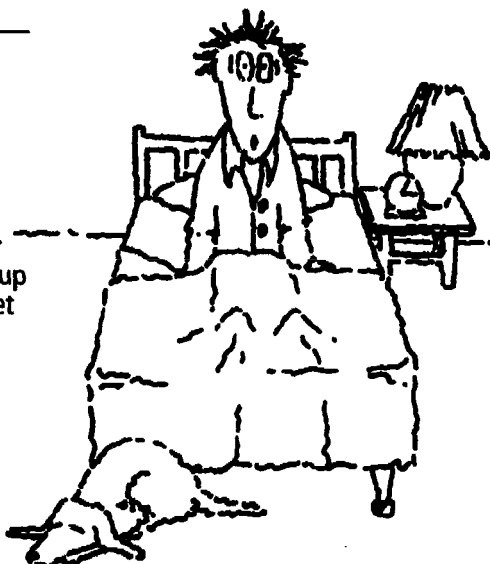
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## May is Better Sleep Month

### Sleep Quiz

- I've been told I snore.
- I have vivid dreams.
- I experience leg pain during the night.
- I feel like I lie awake all night.
- I can get to sleep, but I wake up a few hours later and can't get back to sleep.
- I go to bed tired and wake up tired, as though I didn't sleep at all.
- I can't get to sleep without a sleeping pill.
- I often wake up with a headache.
- I suddenly wake gasping for breath.
- I have trouble staying awake and concentrating at work or school.



"Yes" answers to any of these questions may indicate a sleep problem.

### Sleep Disorders Education and Support\*

Presented by Dr. Charles Gwizdala, Dr. James Milliken, Dr. Margaret Moen, and Dr. David Walker. Topics include sleep apnea, insomnia, restless leg syndrome, and excessive daytime sleepiness. A sleep quiz will also be available. Broadcast live to sites throughout northern Michigan via REMEC interactive television. Preregistration is requested by calling (517) 348-0708. **Mercy Hospital Grayling May 17, 6:30 - 8 pm**

### Other Program Offerings in May

#### Heartsaver and Pediatric Basic Life Support

For those who want to learn adult and pediatric CPR and choking rescue. This class provides a testing component and satisfies day care licensing requirements. Cost is \$20. To register call (517) 348-0444. **Mercy Hospital Grayling May 3, 6 - 10 pm**

#### Diabetes Support Group

A health care professional will guide you through discussion and coping strategies. There is no cost to attend. To register call (517) 348-0455. **Mercy Community Health Center - Roscommon May 4, 1 - 2 pm**  
**Mercy Community Health Center - Prudenville May 11, 1 - 2 pm**

#### Grief Support Group

Offered by Mary Beth Dettling, bereavement and spiritual care coordinator for Mercy Amicare and Hospice. **St. Mary's Family Center - Grayling May 4, 18, 3 - 5 pm**  
**United Methodist Church - Houghton Lake May 11, 25, 3 - 5 pm**

#### Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose Screening Clinic

Free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings. Preregistration will be held in the lobby. **Mercy Hospital Grayling May 9, 2:30 - 5:30 pm**

#### Sexual Assault Support Group

Provides education, information, and support for survivors of sexual assault. For more information call (517) 348-3169.

#### Diabetes Education Program

To help those with diabetes who want to take control of their lives. Family members are invited to join at no extra charge. Held at the Grayling, Roscommon, and Houghton Lake/Prudenville campuses. For an appointment call (517) 348-0380.

#### Get Interactive!

Many classes are available live at community hospitals throughout northern Michigan via the REMEC TeleHealth Network. Call your local hospital for availability. \*Persons wishing to attend via interactive television at Mercy Hospital Grayling must register prior to attending by calling (517) 348-0708.

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## Lovely 60th anniversary



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April 19, 1940

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April 19, 2000

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

RIF, Reading is Fundamental, is available at the Crawford County Libraries.

Children are encouraged to earn RIF books by reading five books or having five books read to them. A free paperback book can be earned by writing down the titles of books on a RIF form, which must be signed by a parent. The completed form may be turned in at any one of the Crawford County Libraries.

The paperback books are purchased specifically for the RIF program and paid for from donations from the community. Kiwanis of Grayling and Glen's Save-Share 2000 have funded the RIF budget for the year 2000. Additional donations are always accepted for the RIF program.

Hooked on Phonics is also available to check out with a current library card and a \$10 deposit. This

program consists of cassettes and booklets to enhance reading skills at all levels. For more information, call 348-9214.

To join the Friends of the Library, call the library at 348-9214 or Shirley Schmoock at 348-5132.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone: 348-9214. Web site: [www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/](http://www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/)

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Telephone: 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 348-4067.

## DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT No. 10

District Health Department No. 10 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Please call

348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT:  
Immunization Clinics: May 3 and 17

Family Planning: May 2 and 9  
Perinatal Class: May 11 and 17  
Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Call for information

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: May 8, 17, 22, 24, 25 and 30; WIC-Frederic Satellite Clinic: Call for information

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: May 11

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings: May 19 Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40-64, who have limited or no health insurance.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session: Conducted in Cadillac Office - call (231) 775-9942 for appointment.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

George and Donielle Duncan of Zeeland announce the birth of their son, Tyler Bramwell Duncan, born March 18, 2000. Tyler weighed six pounds, eight ounces.

Grandparents are Gary and Karen Willoughby of Grayling, and Don and Chris Shawver of New Buffalo.

## OBITUARIES

### Mary E. McLean

Feb 8 1921 - Apr 23, 2000

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" McLean, 79, of Grayling, formerly of Alpena and Lansing, died Sunday following a brief illness.

Ms. McLean was born in Alpena, the daughter of Judge Charles W. and Martha (Bingham) McLean. She graduated from Alpena High School in 1938, attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1942, and began her long employment for the State of Michigan with the Bureau of Social Services in Lansing. In 1951, upon the death of her father, she returned to Alpena, working for the Department of Social Services. She was elected Probate Judge for Alpena County in 1956 and served for four years. After returning to the Alpena Department of Social Services, she transferred to the Grayling office and was there for eight years. In 1976, she accepted a position with the State Bureau of Social Services and returned to Lansing for eight years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of First Congregational Church in Alpena, the Alpena Zonta Club and the Sweet Adeline's, a women's choral group performing throughout Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by a brother, Charles (Edith) McLean of San Diego, California; a niece, Christine Michaelson of La Jolla, California; a nephew, William Kelch of Lake Orion; and a number of cousins, great nieces and great nephews.

Visitation will be at Wachterhauser Funeral Home, Thursday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday, April 28, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to First Congregational Church.

### Bonnie Welemirov

Mar 27, 1953 - Apr 17, 2000

Bonnie Welemirov, 47, of Grayling died Monday, April 17.

Ms. Welemirov was born in Garden City, the daughter of Clarence A. and Norma J. (Dean) Davey. She moved to the Grayling area from Brighton 20 years ago. She enjoyed gardening, reading, woodworking and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by one daughter, Kandy Peugh of Howell; two brothers, John Davey of Florida and Mike (Betty) Davey of Howell; two grandchildren, Dillon Peugh and Lauryn Peugh; several nieces and nephews; and fiancé Truman Potter of Grayling.

Funeral services were held April 21 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Pastor Ernest Wagner officiating. Burial was in Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 78 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of April 17 through April 23:

Two driving violations/DWLS, two false alarms, 17 general non-criminal, six traffic accidents (two car-deer, one car-turkey), one traffic violation (civil infraction), two traffic safety, five motor vehicle inspections, three civil matter disputes/family trouble, eight suspicious situations, one lost and found, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, five burglary, two larceny, one forgery/counterfeiting, five property damage, one property damage (other), one drug/narcotics violation, one family offense/abuse/neglect, two public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, six health and safety (all animal control), one invasion of privacy/wiretap/eavesdropping, one invasion of privacy-other, two conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense.

### Donna L. Haines

Sept 2, 1940 - Apr 23, 2000

Donna L. Haines, 59, of Rose City formerly of Waterford, died at her home Sunday.

Mrs. Haines was born in Grayling, the daughter of Samuel and Esther (Lantz) Smith.

She was a homemaker and had lived in the Rose City area since 1995.

She is survived by her husband, James Haines of Rose City; one daughter, Gail (Jim) Micheline of White City; four sons, Randall (Vicki) Haines of Rose City, Richard Haines of Rose City, Robert (Kelly) Haines of Waterford, Russell Haines of Waterford; six grandchildren, Ryan, John, Nicole, Robert, Morgan and Jaymie; her parents Samuel and Esther Smith of Johannesburg, one brother Ellsworth (Margaret) Haines of Walled Lake and one sister Louise (Gerald) Larsen of Tawas.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 26 at 2 p.m. at the Steuermel & McLaren Funeral Home, West Branch with Rev. Dan Stoneback officiating. Burial will be in Heatherton Cemetery, Montmorency County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Helping Hands, West Branch.

### Jessie Johnson

Jessie Johnson, formerly of Grayling, died Thursday, April 13 in Tampa, Florida.

While in Grayling, Mrs. Johnson was a Mercy Hospital volunteer and member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She moved to the Tampa area in 1996 and was active in senior clubs, church activities and was an avid crafter and quilter.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; a son, Michael; and two grandchildren, Darren and Stephanie.

She is survived by seven children, Dennis of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jim of Indianapolis, Indiana, Wayne of Grand Haven, Judy Mangle of Clearwater, Florida, David of Manteca, California, Mary Bartel and Beth Johnson of Wesley Chapel, Florida.

Memorial donations may be made to East Pasco Habitat for Humanity, First National Bank of Pasco, c/o Lori Kustes, 13315 Highway 301, Dade City, FL 33523.

### Hugh H. Tune

Hugh Harling Tune, 94, of Fosterville, formerly of Grayling, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at his home.

Mr. Tune was born in Riverton, Alabama, the son of the late Edward and Zoe (Bledsoe) Tune. He was a member of the Church of Christ and was a retired tool and die maker. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He has no immediate survivors.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday at the Fosterville Cemetery.

Brother Hillary Broome will officiate.

## HONORS

Summer study music scholarships to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp have been awarded to Grayling Middle School students, Laura Gorski, daughter of Robert and Judith Gorski, and Jessica Ayers, daughter of Marion and Edward Ayers.

The scholarships are awarded by Marshall Music Company of Lansing to those students deemed most worthy based on musicianship, citizenship, and musical achievement, as determined by the school music staff and school administration.

Each scholarship is in the amount of \$365.

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**Grayling Youth Booster Club**

# Jamfest 2000

**3 on 3 Basketball Indoor Tournament**  
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Deadline for registration is May 9th. Limited to the first fifteen teams per bracket/age division. Team captains will be notified no later than May 13th. Return forms to Grayling Youth Booster Club, P.O. Box 279, Grayling, MI 49738. Call for more information at the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce (517) 348-2921. (All games will be officiated)

**WARNING:** Every aspect of this registration form must be completed with exact information: age, height, weight and skill level. Don't guess or lie! We reserve the right to put you in a different bracket or disqualify you or your team for falsifying any information on this form. If for any reason a player or a team is disqualified there is Absolutely No Refund! Be Honest!

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(keep it clean)		(check one)	
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**Waiver - Every player - and their parent or guardian, if the player is under age 18, must read this Waiver form. Signatures on the registration form signify each person has read and understands and agrees to this information. There are risks connected with this tournament and its related activities. I release and discharge The Grayling Youth Boosters, all event sponsors, all event organizers, all Grayling Youth Booster workers, employees and directors from all action, suits and demands whatsoever in law or in equity, including but not limited to the risk of injury from playing in the tournament and the risk of loss of personal property by theft otherwise. Player eligibility for NCAA, collegiate sports and local school districts vary. The event organizers are not responsible for determining each player's eligibility. Before registering, contact your coach or athletic director and ask how your eligibility would be affected, if at all, by registering for this tournament. Further, I hereby grant full permission for event organizers to record any or all of my participation in this event for photos, motion pictures, TV, radio, recordings, videotapes and other media known or unknown and to use them, no matter by who taken in any manner for publicity, promotions, advertising, trade or commercial purposes, without any reimbursement of any kind due to me or the need to pay me any fee.**

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# PERSPECTIVE

## Researchers hope new vaccine can stop painful disease that affects older adults

Merlin Allshouse thought he'd pulled a muscle lifting heavy objects, but what followed was an eight month ordeal that left him in constant, extreme pain every day.

Allshouse is one of nearly a million people diagnosed each year with shingles - a condition caused by the same type of herpes virus responsible for chicken pox. Most people get chicken pox as children, but when the disease runs its course, the virus retreats to the spinal cord where it stays hidden, only to return in many cases when a person is older. Half of all people over the age of 80 will get shingles.

"It was constant nerve pain," says Allshouse. "You couldn't get it to go away and there was no way to rest or get comfortable, no matter what you did. I had quadruple bypass surgery and the shingles pain was much more severe and long-lasting than the

bypass surgery pain."

The virus that causes shingles, called varicella-zoster, stays dormant in a collection of nerves in the spine, then re-emerges along the same band of nerves. It causes a localized rash and blisters that typically last anywhere from a few weeks to a couple months. However, the often-debilitating pain that accompanies the blisters can persist for several months or even years. Until recently, shingles was considered an inevitable part of getting older. However, researchers in the VA-Ann Arbor healthcare System and the University of Michigan Health System are taking part in a national study to determine if a vaccine similar to the one given to children to prevent chicken pox will prevent shingles in older adults.

"I take care of patients who have shingles, mostly older adults, and the blisters are no problem," says

Carol Kauffman, M.D., chief of infectious diseases at the VA-Ann Arbor Healthcare System and professor of internal medicine in the U-M Health System. "The blisters go away in several weeks. However, the pain is a major problem that is very difficult to treat, very difficult to treat, very difficult to make it go away. I see it really ruining people's lives for months on end, so I'm really excited and confident that this study will show us that we can prevent this."

The study hopes to enroll 37,000 people who are over the age of 60 and have never had shingles before. "What we're trying to do is boost their immunity so that we can prevent the shingles virus from coming out of the nerves where it's living," says Kauffman. She thinks that the vaccine is something that will eventually be offered to everyone over the age of 60.

Current treatment for shingles includes antiviral drugs, steroids, antidepressants, and topical agents. People with shingles usually take pain medications that have varying degrees of success, depending on each case. Kauffman says this present further complications.

"Many people end up taking narcotics to control the extreme pain," says Kauffman. "Unfortunately, this is difficult if you're talking about people over the age of 80 who are taking narcotics on top of other medications, which is not a good idea."

Why do older adults get shingles? "People at risk for shingles are normal, healthy adults who are getting older and we think it's because your immunity to chicken pox begins to wane," says Kauffman. "The virus is no longer held in check by your body and it will begin to grow and come out along the

nerves. So, the older you are, the more likely you are to get shingles and the more severe the pain is likely to be."

Kauffman says people whose immune system is compromised, those who have had a transplant, or some types of cancer such as leukemia or lymphoma, are at higher risk for getting shingles at any age.

It is not possible to catch shingles from somebody who has it. A person can only get shingles by having chicken pox earlier in life. On the other hand, an adult with shingles can cause a person who has not had chicken pox to get chicken pox.

Allshouse says he feels pretty good now and hopes the new vaccine study proves to be a success. "If you've had shingles like I had, take it from me, I know firsthand, you should get all the help you can."

People interested in tak-

ing part in the shingles vaccine study should call the VA-Ann Arbor Healthcare System at (734) 213-6988 or toll free at 1-800-361-8387 then push 7.

Find out more information on the Internet at:

University of Michigan Health System Health Topics A to Z <http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/mature/mature26.htm>

National Institutes of Health/shingles information <http://www.ninds.nih.gov/patients/disorder/shingles/shingles.htm>

American Academy of Dermatology/shingles <http://www.aad.org/pamphlets/herpesZoster.html>

## Volunteer of the Month

Emily (Peggy) Robinson has been selected as the Senior Center Volunteer of the Month for May.

Peggy has been a friend of the Center for many years. She has been active in the Kitchen Band, has worked in the foster grandparent program for 16 years. She has also worked on the telephone reassurance program and has helped to assemble the Senior Gazette.

She is an ardent crafter and has made numerous things for raffles and fundraisers. She also is working in the dining room helping with setting up and taking care of the coffee.



It's opening weekend for the trout season - teach a child to fish!

## House members seek increased funding for senior meals

Spearheading an effort to get additional funding for meals for seniors, Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) has told House appropriators that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Nutrition Program for the Elderly is shortchanging the very constituency it seeks to serve.

In a recent "Dear Colleague" letter to all House members and in a follow-up letter to the leadership of a House subcommittee, Stupak outlined the reasons he believes the President's request for \$150 million to help provide home meals for senior citizens should be hiked by at least \$10 million.

"Our nation's seniors depend on home-delivered and congregate meals, authorized under the Older Americans Act," Stupak said, and he noted that such programs serve people who

are likely to be older, poor, living alone, and members of minority groups.

Although federal funding for this program is essential, he said, the USDA's meal reimbursements to states has been dwindling, due to static funding and the increasing cost and number of meals.

Meal reimbursements have fallen to 54 cents per meal for fiscal year 2000, a drop of eight cents since 1993.

"While this is only a reduction in pennies per meal, with more than 250 million meals being served last year across the country, this is depriving meal providers of millions of dollars!" Stupak said.

The President's proposed increase of \$10 million barely keeps up with inflation, Stupak said, but an additional \$10 million would permit an increase in the

reimbursement rate to 57 cents per meal, easing the burden and financial strains sustained by agencies that provide meals for seniors.

"We can't allow these important reimbursements to continue to decline, leaving our seniors to rely on financially strapped meal providers, who may have to shut their doors to our neediest citizens," Stupak

said.

Twenty-seven members of Congress joined Stupak in his letter to Rep. Joe Skeen, R-New Mexico, and Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, chairman and ranking member, respectively, of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee.

## Crawford County Commission on Aging

308 Lawndale Dr., Grayling, MI

### MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	2 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Cards	3 10:00 - Line Dancing Hearing Clinic by Appointment 12:30 Nova & Co. Games 5:30 - Wendy's Bingo	4 Lucky 7" Casino Trip - 10:30 BP's Taken 11 - noon 5:30 - Trivia	5 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 7 Sunday Brunch Eggs & Am. Fries 10 to 1
8 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	9 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:00 - Mother's Day Dinner & Dance	10 9:30 to 10:30 Commodities Eagles 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 12:30 Nova & Co. Games 5:00 - Birthday Dinner & White Elephant Auction	11 BP's Taken 11 - noon 4:30 - COA Personnel Committee Meets 5:30 - Cards	12 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 13 Foot Clinic by Appointment ***** 14 Pancake Brunch 10 to 1 Happy Mother's Day!
15 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	16 11:00 - COA Finance Committee Meets 1:00 - Euchre 5:00 - John Smock tells us about Fort Ross Parks Military Academy Boot Camp for boys & girls	17 Hearing Clinic by Appointment 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	18 Lucky 7" Casino Trip - 10:30 BP's Taken 11 - noon	19 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 21 Pancake Brunch from 10 to 1
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29 Memorial Day Center Closed	30 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	31 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 12:30 - Nova & Co. Games	Happy Mother's Day	

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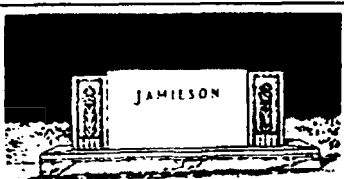
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## Discount long distance can save or cost money

Michigan consumers are offered a variety of choices in discount long distance telephone service. Cut-rate calling plans offered by long distance companies and low-cost 10-10 "dial-around" services are promoted in prime-time television commercials, national newspaper and magazine ad campaigns, and direct mail promotions.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) continues to encourage you to consider your long distance calling options carefully. There are many service providers competing for your business - offering a variety of rates and plans. Depending on your individual calling pattern, some deals may save money, while others could cost more than your current bill. Long distance rates are not regulated and can change without notice.

#### Discount Calling Plans

Discount calling plans are offered by most long distance carriers. A typical ad for a discount calling plan often shows its low per-minute rate in its headline and in smaller print states its monthly fee for the service. When the service fee is added, the total bill will be higher than the cost for the calls made at the low per-minute rate.

For example, a discount calling plan offering state-to-state calls at 7¢ per minute all day, every day,

may seem like a good deal until you factor in the monthly service fee.

The monthly average for a residential customer is 80 minutes of calls per month. At 7¢ per minutes plus a \$4.95 service fee the bill is \$10.55. For 10¢ a minute with no service fee the bill for the same number of minutes would be \$8.00.

Remember, the service fee is charged each month even if no long distance calls are made. Each company determines its cost-per-minute and monthly service fees and they vary by company.

Plans with a low per-minute cost and a sizable monthly service fee may be a bargain for high-volume customers. However, average or low-volume users could pay more than they would on a plan that charges more per minute but less per month. Also, the advertised rate may only apply to calls made to other states during specific times of the day. Higher rates may apply to long distance calls within the state or to other countries.

#### 10-10 "Dial Arouns"

As the term implies, when you use a dial-around number, you are "dialing around," or bypassing the long distance carrier that normally serves you. Advertisements for dial-around numbers usually highlight the low per-minute rate offered while other related costs and

requirements are stated in the fine print.

The MPSC urges you to carefully consider the following conditions of service and costs when using dial-around numbers. These conditions vary among companies.

- Minimum talk time requires that your conversation last a minimum length of time (e.g., 10 minutes) before discounted rates apply. If your call lasts less than the required minimum, higher rates apply.

- Full minute billing increments occur when charges for each call are rounded up to the next minute. A call lasting one minute and five seconds is rounded to two minutes. This may be costly if you only make short calls.

- Block rates offer one flat price for a call that lasts up to a specified length of time. For example, with a 20-minute block rate, a call lasting 20 minutes will cost 99¢ - a good deal a 5¢ per minute if you talk for the full 20 minutes. But, if you talk less than 20 minutes, or if you reach an answering machine, you will still be charged 99¢ for the call.

- Universal Service Fee (USF) is assessed to help fund telephone service in rural areas, assist low-income customers, and provide Internet connections for some libraries and schools. You are charged the fee each month by your

regular long distance carrier. If you use a dial-around number that assesses the fee, you will pay it twice.

- Monthly and per-call service fees are assessed in addition to per-minute charges. These fees could make your calls expensive if you make short calls or few calls each month.

Some 10-10 dial-around services, like discount calling plans, can save you money. It is essential to read and understand the fine print of dial-around ads for their conditions of service. If you find one that appears to meet your needs, call and request a printed rate card. Review it thoroughly before using the service.

Discount calling plans and dial-around services can change without notice. Review your telephone bill carefully each month for all charges and changes. Call the company and ask for an explanation of any charges you do not understand. Also, shop around for offers that fit your calling pattern that may save you money.

For more tips on telephone service, go to:

<http://cis.state.mi.us/mpsc/execute/alerts> to get information on other MPSC Consumer Alert topics.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

## Confusion growing regarding local calling areas

Most of us place calls that are either local or long distance. Long distance calls are usually billed on a per-minute basis while local calls are made within a geographic area or exchange, and have no costs beyond the monthly basic local exchange fee. But, how can you be certain that a call you are about to place is local or long distance? Some telephone number prefixes (the first three digits of the seven-digit telephone number) may be familiar - but others may not. And, new technology and other changes in the telecommunications industry

are making things more confusing. The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) encourages you to know your local calling area to avoid unexpected long distance telephone charges.

Here are some examples of the confusion relating to local calling areas:

- Your computer modem can be programmed to auto-dial an Internet Service Provider's (ISP) telephone access number. But a national or local ISP may not know your local calling area. Then, every time you log on the Internet, you are charged for long distance calls.

- Some Michigan telephone customers are now (and others will soon be) able to change local telephone companies without changing their telephone number. However, different telephone companies may

provide different local calling areas. A switch to a new company may result in a smaller or expanded local calling area.

- A call placed to a cellular telephone only one block away may be a long distance call if the cellular telephone's rate center is outside your local calling area. (Prefixes assigned to cellular telephones are not included in the information pages of the telephone book.) Check with the cellular telephone owner to determine from what city the cellular service rate center is based.

- In some areas, new area codes are introduced in the form of "overlays." An overlay establishes an additional area code within the same geographic area. For example, while you retain the old area code, a new neighbor could receive the new one. Once the new area code is in place,

all customers will need to dial either 10 or 11 digits to place a local call. These calls are still local and long-distance charges will not apply.

To determine if a telephone number is within your local calling area, call your local telephone company and verify that the number is local. There is no charge for this call.

As new technology and competition arrive in the telecommunications industry, it will be increasingly important to know your local calling area to avoid unexpected charges. Remember, telephone companies bill customers for any and all calls that are made on its network. Each customer is responsible for knowing what is and isn't a local call.

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## Moderate exercise can help during pregnancy

A new study by a University of Michigan School of Nursing professor shows that moderate exercise during pregnancy can lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of developing gestational hypertension, a disease that affects as many as 12 percent of women.

In a pilot study of 16 high-risk women, SeonAe Yeo, a University of Michigan associate professor of nursing, concluded that moderate exercise lowered diastolic blood pressure in their pregnancies by as much as 4.6 millimeters of mercury, or mm Hg.

The results indicate that moderate exercise may contribute to the prevention of gestational hypertension or at least reduce the risk in pregnant women.

"Because this is a small sample size, the drop in blood pressure may not seem significant, but in reality, it is. Once we've launched our follow-up study, we expect to see a much more significant drop," said Yeo, senior author of the study that appears in the April edition of *The Journal of Reproductive Medicine*.

The randomized, controlled trial focused on 16 women with a history of mild hypertension, gestational

hypertensive disorders or a family history of hypertensive disorders. The women, who were on average 30 years old, were recruited at 14 weeks gestation. Prior to the study, the women were either sedentary or exercised very little. Some were assigned to an exercise group, while others kept their usual level of activity to provide a comparison, or control, group.

Those assigned to the exercise group engaged in treadmill or bicycle exercise three days a week at 30-minute intervals for 10 weeks. The women had similar body compositions and were in the same weight range, giving the researchers a consistent group for determining whether exercise could reduce blood pressure.

While the exercise group experienced a decline in diastolic blood pressure, the control group did not experience significant changes. The diastolic blood pressure for the women in the control group changed from an average of 65.9 mm Hg to 67.0 mm Hg after the 10-week trial.

The diastolic blood pressure for the women in the exercise group changed from an average of 64.0

mm Hg to 60.5 mm Hg after 10 weeks. "We concluded that blood pressure change is probably due to exercise, not to body composition difference or overall daily physical activity level," Yeo said.

During the first trimester of pregnancy, blood pressure in general tends to drop - in some cases by as much as 10 percent. In the second and third trimester, it generally returns to its normal level.

Preeclampsia, which is high blood pressure typically accompanied by swelling called edema and protein in the urine, or proteinuria, affects 5 percent to 7 percent of all women and 25 percent of high-risk women.

Exercise can have an irrefutable impact on health. It has been proved to reduce lipoprotein levels (fat and protein content in the arteries) and resting blood pressure (diastolic blood pressure). It also benefits mental well-being and carbohydrate tolerance (the ability to process sugars).

Credentials for SeonAe Yeo are as follows: R.N., M.S., M.S.N., Ph.D.

This study was funded by a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation of Michigan.

## SPOTLIGHT YOUR GRADUATE

Put your favorite graduate in the spotlight now by reserving space in the special graduation section for the GHS Class of 2000.

This pull-out, keepsake section will feature the Class of 2000 with individual photos and the plans of each graduating senior plus, photos and articles relating to the class activities and accomplishments.

These pages will be published in the June 1 edition of the *Avalanche*.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: The trouble with being old is that you're not young enough to enjoy it!

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

**April 26** - Nova & Co. at 12:30 p.m.; R & R at 5:30 p.m.  
**April 27** - Blood pressures 11 a.m. - noon; Cardo at 5:30 p.m.  
**April 28** - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.  
**April 30** - Sunday Potluck at 2 p.m.  
**May 1** - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.  
**May 2** - Cardo at 5:30 p.m.  
**May 3** - Nova & Co Games at 12:30 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30

p.m.  
**May 4** - Lucky 7 Casino trip at 10:30 a.m.; Blood pressures, 11 a.m. - noon; Trivia at 5:30 p.m.  
**May 5** - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.  
**May 7** - Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday: a noon meal is served on Friday. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

MENU FOR APRIL/MAY 2000

April 26 - Roast

Beef/Connecticut Ham Dinner  
**April 27** - Stuffed Peppers/BBQ Chicken  
**April 28** - Ham Steak/no dinner  
**May 1** - Turkey and dressing/Pork steak

**May 2** - Salisbury steak/Baked chicken  
**May 3** - Spanish Rice/Brown steak  
**May 4** - BBQ beef/Porcupine meatballs  
**May 5** - Pork Chops/no dinner  
Special thought to leave you with: A vacant mind and a vacant lot have two things in common, they both attract rubbish!



# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of May 7-13

### Aries March 21-April 20

Your finances have been weighing on your mind for awhile. There are answers to your budget problems if you look hard enough. Be ready for some changes. Be open to the possibility of some romance in your life.

### Taurus April 21-May 21

Pay very close attention to the little details. You don't want to miss a vital point. Be loyal to your roots and heritage. Your efforts will be rewarded in the long run. Rely on the wisdom of an elderly relative for insight and cheer.

### Gemini May 22-June 21

The week will be a tough one, and you deserve to have fun. Whether it's a night out or a weekend excursion, go for it! Think through an idea completely before making it public. You don't want to ruin your reputation.

### Cancer June 22-July 22

If you feel like you are being pulled in too many directions, you probably are. Be direct. It's time you said, "No." After all, you can't be in two places at once. The color yellow will bring you good thoughts and ideas.

### Leo July 23-August 23

Your honesty could get you in trouble. Be careful not to upset some friends or valuable allies at work. Remember, it's important that you be diplomatic. Fall back on your sense of humor to ease an awkward situation.

### Virgo August 24-September 22

This is not the time to put serious issues on the back burner. It is important that you don't let things slide in favor of having fun with friends. Don't let someone else dictate your thoughts. You have great ideas of your own!

### Libra September 23-October 23

A recent domestic situation has left you feeling low. Take steps to deal with the problem first. Then you can overcome your feelings of hopelessness. You may need to approach a friend for help and advice.

### Scorpio October 24-November 22

Put your fears aside and step into the electronic age. You have put this off far too long, and it could hurt your promising career. When a sticky personal situation arises, you may find comfort in an old and very close friend.

### Sagittarius November 23-December 21

You may think a relationship is over. However, there may be a way to save it. Before you do, think it through and make sure you want the relationship to continue. Take care of business quickly. Then you'll have some time for fun.

### Capricorn December 22-January 20

Avoid making impulsive decisions this week. This has been a problem for you in the past, so don't let your impulses get the best of you. Think before you act! It really doesn't matter who's right at home. Work out the problem.

### Aquarius January 21-February 18

Think about the consequences of your actions before you make some serious mistakes. A run-in with an authority figure could end up ruining your reputation. You can avoid the situation if you play your cards right.

### Pisces February 19-March 20

Be open-minded to some new and interesting information. It may be just what you need to complete a project at work or home. Stay alert. You want to be shrewd and practical, and keep your impulsiveness under control.

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Fresh Strawberry Pie

**Crust:**  
15 oz. refrigerated sugar cookie dough

**Filling:**  
2 cups fresh, very ripe strawberries, mashed  
3 tbsp. cornstarch  
1 cup granulated sugar  
2 cups whole ripe strawberries  
real whipped cream

Freeze sugar cookie dough until very firm but not frozen, approximately 2

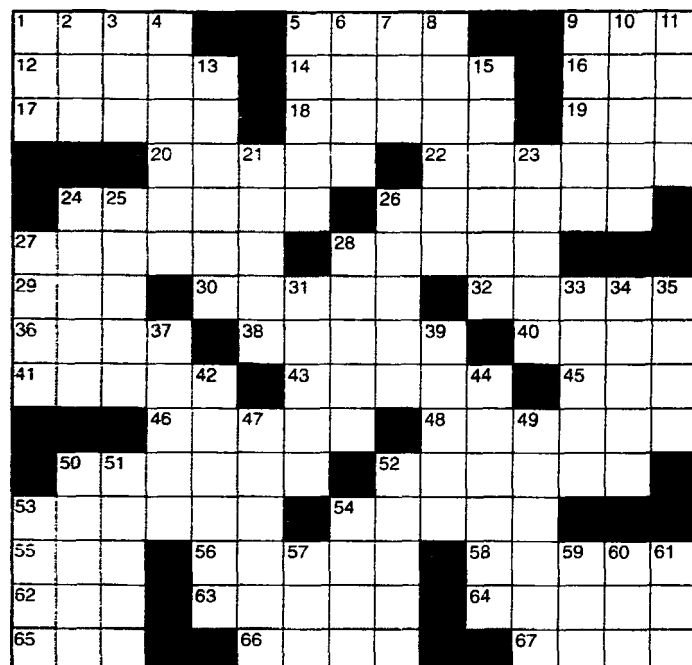
hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Slice dough thin, and cover bottom and 1 inch up sides of a 10-inch springform pan. Bake 12-15 minutes, until brown. Cool and place on serving plate. In a heavy pan, mix sugar and cornstarch; add mashed strawberries and cook slowly for about 10 minutes, until thick. Cool slightly and add whole berries. Pour into cookie crust. Chill. Decorate with real whipped cream when ready to serve.

Serves 6.



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5. Afflictions
9. Ornate vase
12. Computer programming language
14. Suite components
16. Antique auto
17. Illegal act
18. Ken
19. Hairdo helper
20. Picking solution
22. Singer Brewer
24. Piggish
26. Make fun of
27. More than one
28. Sat
29. Roy or Reiner
30. Telethon man Jerry
32. Lascivious looks
36. Preholiday times
38. Cousteau helper
40. Portoferraio's isle
41. Words of agreement
43. Fragrant flowers
45. Egyptian cobra
46. Change, as a clock
48. Old loves
50. Philly team

### DOWN

1. "Peacock" network
2. Pitcher handle
3. "\_\_\_ was going to St. Ives" (2 wds.)
4. Agile
5. Facetious incongruity
6. Knowledge
7. Hit high
8. Strikes mightily
9. Prodded
10. Teammate to Roe and Robinson
11. Vincent Lopez's theme
13. Grain
15. Hi-fi system
21. Ran in neutral
23. Esker
24. Baseball equipment
25. Churls
26. "Two tablets" and "a teaspoon"
27. Hunted one
28. Turn on an axis
31. Sends via western Union
33. Pack animal of Peru
34. He played a Clamptett
35. Tree fluids
37. Worsted fabric
39. Ascribe
42. Choose
44. Messy
47. Violeta Chamorro's title
49. Like Alex in A Clockwork Orange
50. Psyched
51. Paten place
52. Lengths of fabric
53. Hay unit
54. Whet
57. Escorted
59. Sands of \_\_\_ Jima
60. Zoo animal
61. Air travel timesaver

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago April 28, 1977

Last Saturday marked the first anniversary of the strike between Local 1903 of the United Auto Workers and Bear Archery. Both sides are waiting for a decision from the court. The next step hinges on that decision. Robert Kelly Executive Vice President of Bear Archery said that if the company decides to move, the fourth quarter of this year would be the best time. Although last year was the best in company history Bear feels it cannot compete because their competitors are located in areas where costs are lower. The company says it cannot pay automotive wages and still be competitive.

Orlin Lucksted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lucksted of Grayling, returned last week to conduct a four-day police seminar for area police officers held at Camp Grayling. He is currently posted in the Detroit office of the FBI.

The organizational meeting of the Crawford County Community Tax Relief Association had to move twice as the first two rooms proved to be too small for the crowd. The township sewer project was the start of the citizens campaign to lower taxes. Jack Alef, chair of the meeting, said "the sewer project is now under control and others will come under control as the citizens begin to speak up about the issues."

The Crawford AuSable schools are seeking 11.48 mills at the June election - a 9.15 mil operating renewal, 1.33 mills to cover inflation, 0.5 mills for textbooks and classroom supplies, and 0.5 mills for elementary p.e. and a middle school counselor.

Mrs. Shirley Retell of Grayling received a District Award of Merit from the Boy Scouts for outstanding service to Scouting.

Pat Nunn, Principal of the Grayling Elementary School, has been named 1977 Boss of the Year by the Grayling Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. He was also named Principal of the Year by the

Michigan Association of Elementary School Principals.

The Grayling Mercantile Co will celebrate its 75th birthday in May with a store-wide sale. Come in for free coffee and birthday cake.

### 46 Years Ago April 29, 1954

The Grayling High Vikings swamped Kalkaska in a track meet here last Thursday as the local team won first in every event except the 1/2 mile run. Richard "Red" Hamilton led the Vikings to victory with four first places.

Having successfully completed ten weeks of intensive training at Michigan State Police headquarters in East Lansing, Edgar J. Caid, Jr. son of Mrs. Ruth Caid of Lovells has been sworn in as a probationary trooper and assigned to the South Haven Post.

Five Frederic youths were arrested here early Sunday morning by Grayling Chief of Police Harold Hatfield Jr., on a charge of the possession of alcoholic liquor in a motor vehicle. All entered guilty pleas when they appeared before Justice of the Peace Arthur Clough Monday.

On Friday April 23, the G.H.S. band attended the annual Trout Festival at Kalkaska. The parade was about 1 1/2 miles long. Apparently the pace was a little too much for the director, Mr. Christian. He has been sick since then.

Captain Phillip Smith and Master Sgt. Ed Rutkowski of Camp Grayling, represented the Michigan National Guard at a seminar held at Savanna Ordnance Depot in Illinois from April 20-22. The seminar covered the unloading of ammunition from railroad cars and motor vehicles.

A written test will be held for the position as sub-clerk at the Frederic Post Office. The post pays \$1.61 1/2 per hour and the deadline for applying is July 1.

### 69 Years Ago April 30, 1931

M.C.R.R. will put on another train

May 25 to replace the Cannonball mixed train.

Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Peterson had as their guests over the weekend Miss Ella Guild and Miss Nellie Loss of Flint, both former teachers in the Grayling school.

John Herrick has returned to Lovells after spending the winter in Durand.

Jake Stillwagon's friends surprised him on his birthday at Lovells Monday evening.

Special for Saturday at Cash & Carry Store, Minnie Hartley, prop., 4 lbs bananas for 21¢, cabbage 4¢ per pound, milk 10¢ a quart, eggs, strictly fresh, dozen for 17¢.

### 92 Years Ago April 30, 1908

B.H. Hellen brought up over 30 home seekers last week, nearly all from Illinois; and some are already located. It is reported that 60 families are located in this and the north part of Roscommon county since April 1. There is room for more and they are coming fast.

F.R. Deckrow has sold his Maple Forest farm to Mr. Marshall of Illinois who has taken possession. Mr. Deckrow will live on the Sherman place next to J.K. Bates for the season at least.

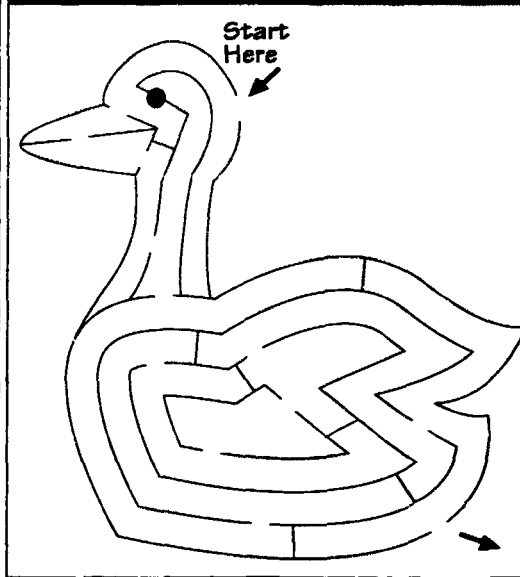
A shepherd dog belonging to Hans Holtze bit three of our newsboys, Si Duryea, Will McDonald and a younger brother, Monday. Dr. Insley gave his attention to the wounds and the authorities ordered the dog chained and muzzled to await developments.

B.H. Hellen of the Central Park Company of Higgins Lake has bought our pair of cream drivers. While they are not yet hardened to hard driving, they will soon throw sand back on all the boys.

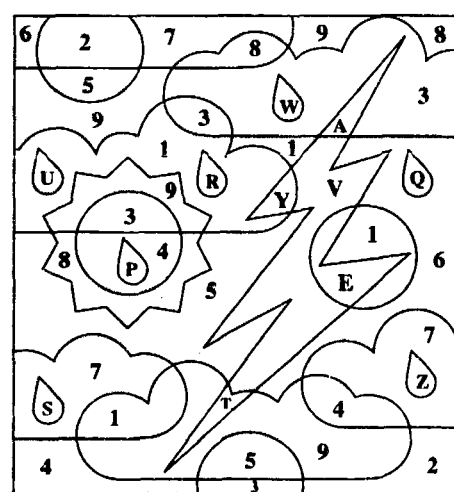
Jacob Truax came up from Genesee County to his ranch on the North Branch. He brought up four carpenters and already they are at work putting up a big barn. His sheep are being sheared this week and will be shipped here as soon as the lambs are old enough.



## MAZE



## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Precip.
4/18	59	34	
4/19	52	39	0.13"
4/20	40	35	0.55"
4/21	51	23	
4/22	65	29	
4/23	66	29	
4/24	60	25	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: Wednesday - sunny and mild with a high in the low 60's. Thursday - cloudy with a chance of showers, a low near 40 and a high in the low 60's. Friday - partly sunny with a low near 40 and a high near 60. Saturday - partly cloudy with a low near 35 and a high near 60.

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# School of Dance team competes in Dearborn

► Dance team's 11 numbers all take 1st place; two students qualify for Nationals

Students from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance in Grayling competed in Dearborn, Michigan last November. The team took 11 numbers and scored 11 first places, as well as Best Emotional Execution, Best Choreography, and Teacher's Award, which was given to the top two numbers out of 102 numbers scored.

Grayling's Brandi McClain and Ashley Longendyke were two of the top five scoring female dancers, and both were chosen to vie for the title of Dancer of the Year at Nationals this July. Nationals will be held in Orlando, Florida.

The team plans to take 11 dances to other competitions this year, including International Dance Challenge, Stars of Tomorrow, Headliners, Rising Star, then Nationals.

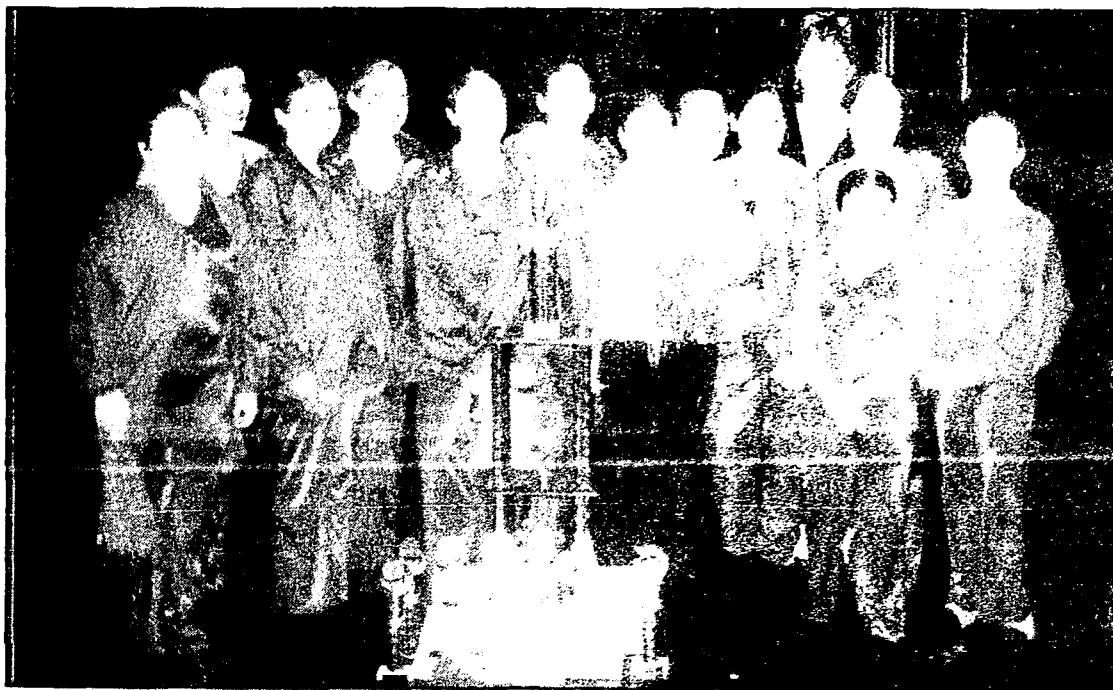
The team has worked very hard the past two years and as a team they have become a dominant force in dance in the Midwestern region, with top performances in major competitions in Detroit and Chicago on numerous occasions.

Longendyke took overall high score in Las Vegas at the summer / Love Dance national competition. Her solo to "Winter" received high score out of over 500 numbers entered.

"We are having a wonderful time in the studio and at competition this year," said Tournaud. "We plan to enjoy ourselves as we ready ourselves for the nationals. We as individuals and as a team invite all interested past students to join us as we make the year 2000 a year to remember!"

For the past 25 years, the Louise Tournaud School of Dance has offered the community, along with other area communities, the chance to give our children more than just an academic education. With a strong dance background and continuing education, Louise Tournaud has offered her students the chance to go on into life with all doors open.

Because of her solid reputation as a gifted dance instructor, many of the institutions have opened their doors for her well-trained students. Amy Denton Pernie is now a dance



(Left to right) Lacey Miller, Elise Jury, Kara Longendyke, Mandi Sinnaeve, Sasha Latusek, Shayla Moore, Tracey Lewis, Rachael Greenway, Jamie Pinkelman, Instructor Louise Tournaud, Elizabeth Gatesy, Alyssa Lorenc, Alyssa Lewis, International Dance Challenge competitors.



(Left to right) Kara Longendyke, Ashley Longendyke, Allison Schoen, Sasha Latusek, Shayla Moore, Brandi McClain, Mandi Sinnaeve, who took 1st place and "Most Entertaining."

studio owner in Pensacola, Florida. Gretchen Brown (of Mio) received a scholarship to Western Michigan University and now dances at Radio City Music Hall in New York. Jill St. Germain of Grayling received a full scholarship and is dancing and receiving an excellent education at Interlochen Arts Academy.

Krista McDonald received a dance scholarship to Hope College. Shawn Lovely is captain of a dance drill team at a major University in

Texas. Many other students have received titles that will open many doors as they enter high school and college.

Tournaud is now traveling to West Branch and Houghton Lake to offer her experience to the students of those areas even though other studios are there.

"All I want is to be able to offer a solid dance education as well as a love for the art and for one's self to a student who wishes to take advan-

tage of the opportunity," said Tournaud.



(Left) Kelsey Gilbert and Meghan Recelderfer, who took part in the International Dance Challenge. (Right) Ashley Longendyke, with awards. Longendyke had the overall high score at Nationals and high score at the International Dance Challenge.



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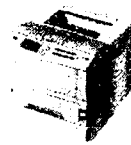
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larceny complaint, one suspicious situation, five private property accidents, one traffic accident, five civil infraction citations, one misdemeanor citation, one traffic control complaint, and eight miscellaneous complaints.

In addition, 16 traffic warnings were given.

## Historically Speaking...

## Trout Season Opens This Saturday



Myrtion Burrows Photo

Eggie Bugby, 72, pictured above, is a veteran river guide and fisherman and he is keeping one eye on the calendar on which Saturday, April 25 is ringed. Right, it's the opening of trout season. Eggie has fished Crawford County streams all of his life and his main worry this year is that his arthritis may cut down on his favorite sport. Bugby also is a veteran fly tier and not only ties flies for himself but enough to offer for sale to those who want to be certain of coming home with some trout in their creel.

This photo was published in the April 23, 1959 edition of *The Crawford County Avalanche*, to go along with the paper's trout opener article that year. Trout season opens on Saturday, April 29, this year. For more on this year's trout opener, see Page 1B.

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Andrea J. Sting of Grayling was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in a brief ceremony at Camp Grayling. Colonel (Retired) Gary J. McConnell, former Camp Commander and Lieutenant Colonel Tom C. Loomis, her fiancé pinned on her new rank.

Lt. Col. Sting is currently assigned as the Camp Grayling Chief of Logistics Division. She served in Southwest Asia as part of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm with the 146th Military Police Battalion.

Some of her military awards include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Michigan Distinguished Service Medal and the Michigan Legion of Merit.

Lt. Col. Sting is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and has a Bachelors Degree



**PINNED** - Lieutenant Colonel Andrea J. Sting with Col. (Ret) Gary J. McConnell on the left and Lt. Col. Tom C. Loomis on the right.

in Criminal Justice. On May 1, she will become the battalion commander of the 210th Military Police Battalion in Taylor.

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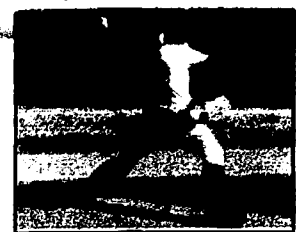
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## Trout season to open April 29

► Hendricksons are hatching already; anglers prepare for trout opener 2000

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Last year's opening day of trout season was one of the best in recent years, possibly the best of the 1990's. This year, local anglers and fishermen from all over the world are getting ready to head out into the AuSable and Manistee rivers, likely hoping for another opener like 1999.

"Business is good," said Bob Smock, a longtime local fly-tier and the owner of Bob's Fly and Hackle in Grayling. "I think we'll probably have one of the best seasons this year, but the water is really low, deadly low in some places. It might make things tough later on."

Trout season opens on Saturday, April 29, this year.

Hendrickson flies have already been hatching on area rivers, which could be a good sign.

"Evening fishing during the weekend (of April 29) should be outstanding while those Hendricksons are hatching," reports The Fly Factory of Grayling.

Hendricksons, olive caddis, black caddis, and black stoneflies are a few of the flies that will be most effective during early trout season.

Blue wings have also been hatching, and some of the bigger stoneflies have been hatching at night, especially the warmer evenings, The Fly Factory noted.

## Girls golf team defeats Newberry

► Vikings beat Newberry by 15 strokes, lose to Petoskey by 11

Grayling High School's varsity girls golf team defeated Newberry at home last week, but lost a close match against Petoskey 265-254.

On Wednesday, April 19, the Vikings beat Newberry 246-261.

Marianne Vollmer had the low score for Grayling with a 48. Amy Stevenson shot a 61, Kaylan Kimbrall finished at 65, and Megan Meyer scored a 72.

Last Tuesday, the Vikings fell to Petoskey by 11 strokes.

Vollmer again had Grayling's low score at 43. Michelle Hopkins and Kimbrall each shot a 73, and Jenna Bugyi scored a 76.

"I was satisfied with our overall score," said Coach Tanya Wolcott. "We've had very little practice due to cold weather."

The team will play Traverse City West on Thursday, April 27. On Tuesday, May 2, the Vikings will play at Alpena, and on May 3, the Vikes will compete at Bay City.

Area skaters gather at Hanson Hills

## Skate Park's grand opening takes form of a competition

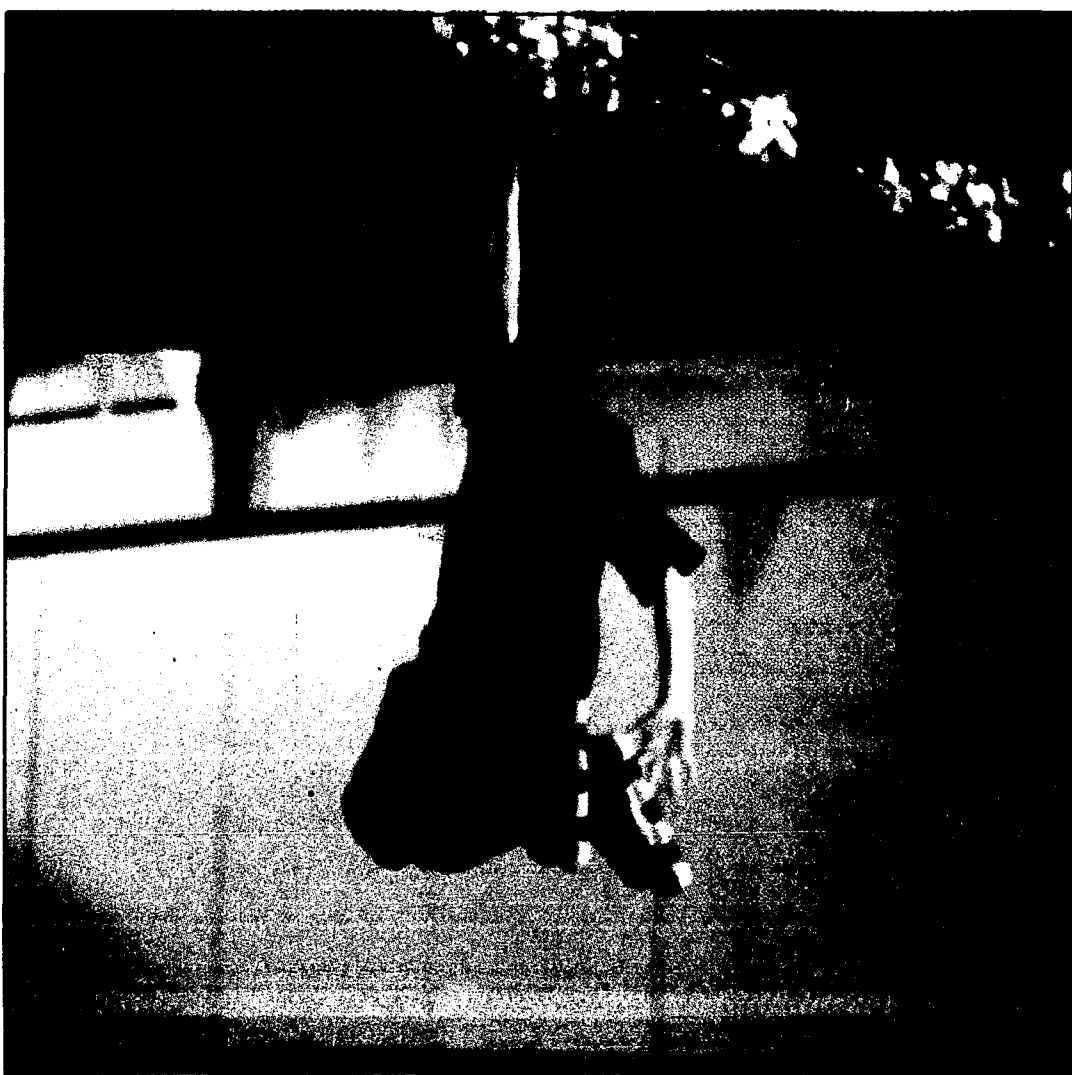


Photo by Caleb Casey

Rollerbladers and skateboarders from a variety of northern Michigan communities participated in the Hanson Hills Skate Park's official grand opening event, a large-scale competition held on Saturday, April 22. Participants were sorted into divisions and got two 2-minute freestyle runs each, resulting in quite a show for the other skaters and event spectators. (Above) Wade McGregor gets air in the rollerblade competition.

## Varsity team wins four in week 2

► Vikings sweep doubleheaders from Roscommon and West Branch

The GHS varsity baseball team swept both West Branch Ogemaw Heights and Roscommon last week, improving the team's record to 6-2 for the season.

Last Monday, the team opened week #2 of the 2000 season with a doubleheader at West Branch. The Vikings won 7-3 and 9-0.

Brad Gorski picked up the win in game one, pitching the entire seven innings. He scattered six hits, struck out six, and walked two.

The Vikings trailed 3-2 in the top of the sixth inning, then Mike Ketchum hit a run-scoring double

to put Grayling ahead 4-3. Eli Tobin hit a three-run home run in the top of the seventh to put GHS up 7-3. The Vikes shut West Branch down in the bottom of the seventh inning to seal the win.

In game two, John Herrick threw his second consecutive one-hitter. He struck out six and walked three, moving his record up to 2-0.

"John Herrick has given us a huge lift," said Coach Duane VanDrese. "In two starts, he has given up two hits, struck out 18 batters, and walked six. I can't say enough about his composure and maturity on the mound. He gives us a real presence out there."

On offense, Mike Pratt helped out with a two-run homer in the second inning. Ketchum and Jon Haskel each collected two hits.

"It took us a while to get going, but once we did we were able to sustain it. It was the first sweep of Ogemaw by Grayling in the last 23 years," VanDrese said.

Also last week, the Vikings swept a doubleheader at home against the visiting Bucks of Roscommon.

In game one, Rusty Strohpaal picked up the win, pitching five innings, allowing four hits, striking out seven, and walking two.

Roscommon jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning, but GHS scored two in the bottom of the inning with a long two-run home-run by Mike D'Amour, his second round-tripper of the year.

Grayling blew it open in the third, scoring six runs. D'Amour Continued on Page 3B

See "VARSITY TEAM..."

## Vikings take two from Roscommon

► Varsity softball team wins first games of season with sweep of Rosco Bucks

The GHS varsity softball team won its first two games of the new season last week, sweeping a doubleheader at home against the visiting Roscommon Bucks 10-3 and 17-8.

"Baserunning was the key to both victories," said Coach Donna Boughner. "We had every player but one steal at least one base. We had 10 steals total."

"What a great feeling to finally get a couple of wins under our belts," said Boughner. "The girls played very well, and really got their bats on the ball. Heads-up baserunning was the key to all our scoring."

In game one, the Vikings posted 16 hits and scored 10 runs, while holding Roscommon to five hits and three runs.

"Sixteen hits with only four errors was a sure bet on a victory," said Coach Boughner.

GHS lead-off hitter Jamie Dent led the offensive attack with 3 hits, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored, and 3 stolen bases. Mel Paxton, Mika Sumner, Tabitha Harney, Andrea Elmy, and Arica Wolcott each had two hits. Tanya Helsel, Emily Fox, and Emily Henion each had one hit.

Paxton, Helsel, Sumner, Harney, and Henion each had one RBI. Tabitha Ketchum scored two runs pinch running for the pitcher, Wolcott.

"Harney was the top defensive player (in game one)," Boughner said.

In the second half of the doubleheader, GHS scored 17 runs on 11 hits.

On defense, Sumner had eight assists, and Harney had four put-outs and one assist. Pitcher Wolcott had four put-outs, in addition to striking out three batters.

Offensively, Fox led the hitting assault with 3 base hits and 2 runs scored. Paxton and Sumner each had 2 hits. Elmy, Dent, Helsel, and Harney all had 1 hit apiece. Helsel scored 4 runs. Paxton crossed the plate 3 times, and Harney, Dent, Fox, and Elmy each scored twice in the match. Helsel and Elmy each stole 3 bases, and Dent stole twice. Harney had 1 steal.

Wolcott pitched both games of the doubleheader, picking up two wins. She struck out nine batters in 12 innings of work.

The week before, the Vikings played a doubleheader against the Kalkaska Blazers at Kalkaska. The Blazers won 8-5 and 9-1.

"Inexperience and lack of practice cost Grayling two games," said Coach Boughner. "We had six errors in each game. We had four baserunning errors that cost direct runs, and further at bats."

In game one, Sumner and Wolcott both batted 1 for 3. Sumner had the team's only RBI. Dent scored 2 runs, and Sumner, Elmy, and Paxton each scored once.

"Defensive standouts for the game were Tanya Helsel and Mika Sumner," said Boughner.

In the second game, lead-off hitter Dent led the offense with a 2 for 2 performance at the plate, one stolen base, and one run scored. Paxton, Helsel, Harney, and Fox each had one hit.

"Defensive standouts were Mel Paxton and Sarah Targino," said Boughner.

Wolcott pitched both games, striking out a total of seven batters.

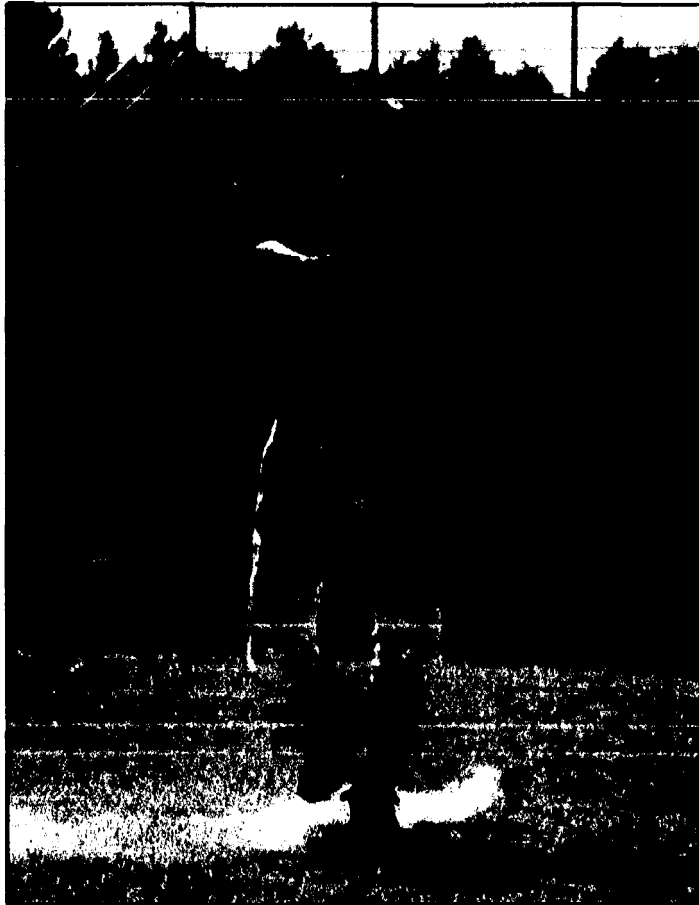
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## Track team competes against Standish, SVL



Photo by Linda Golnick

GHS track athlete Patti Martella competes in a hurdles event at Harrison last Monday. The meet was just for 9th and 10th graders. For results of the full team's trip to Standish last Tuesday, see Page 4B.



GHS second baseman Jon Haskel takes a throw to first.

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## Soccer team loses 2 league games

### ► Vikings fall to Saginaw Valley and Tawas after winning home opener

Grayling High School's varsity girls soccer team lost both of its matches last week, falling to good conference squads from Saginaw Valley Lutheran and Tawas.

On Monday, the GHS team had a rough outing at home against the visiting SVL Chargers, losing 10-0.

"This was a terrible loss, as we did not play at all like we were capable of doing," said Coach Karen Langseth. "The girls came out thinking they would be beaten badly and that was exactly what happened. Saginaw got six goals in the first half while we were trying to figure out what was going on. The second half we did much better and only allowed four goals."

"Goalkeeper Sarah McGuire really had a tough job this game, and made 24 saves. Defenders Kelly Wilson and Michelle Salyers each stopped a shot at goal. Monica Kustra was the only GHS player that was able to get a shot off," said Langseth.

The team played better on Wednesday at Tawas. The Vikes lost 4-0.

"This was by far our best game this season," said Coach Langseth. "The team was not going to have a repeat of Monday night's game."

"We had 16 players, 15 of whom were okay to play. With spring vacation, forensics meets, band events, and the flu we have not had our full team at a game yet. Tawas had 24 players, 11 of them seniors, all ready to play. We had four subs. Tawas would sub an entire team every time," said Langseth.

"Tawas and Valley Lutheran had a 0-0 score the previous week when

they played each other, so I knew this game would be a real test of the GHS team. The plan was to mark, or closely guard, every one of the Tawas players," Langseth said.

The Vikings held Tawas scoreless for the first 23 minutes of the game. Tawas scored a second goal with 10 minutes to go in the half, then got another one on a play near the goal with less than two minutes left in the half.

Goalkeeper McGuire had a solid game in net, chalking up 26 saves.

"Every player I put on the field did a great job of marking and communicating," said Langseth. "I was so proud of the way they stepped up and played the way I knew they could."

The team will host Pinconning on Wednesday, April 26, at 5 p.m. The Vikings will play at Gladwin on Friday, April 28, at 5 p.m. On May 3, GHS will play at Standish Sterling at 4 p.m.



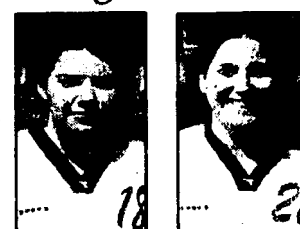
Photos courtesy of the soccer team  
(Above) Grayling's starters gather in the warm-up circle before the game. (Below) Christi Dunkley beats an opponent and drives down field.



(Above) GHS soccer player Sarrah Fairbotham (#17) challenges an opponent.

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#### Viking of the Week



Varsity Girls Soccer  
Coach: Karen Langseth  
**KELLY WILSON & SARAH MCGUIRE**

Kelly works hard, does her job, and is always positive. Sarah McGuire had a phenomenal week in goal, racking up 50 saves in two games against two solid NEMC teams, Tawas and SVL.

## JV soccer team ties with Gladwin 0-0

### ► Squad plays its first game of the season, a scrimmage against Gladwin

The Grayling High School JV soccer team, a new addition to the GHS soccer program this year, played its first match of the season last Thursday in some terrible weather.

The game, a scrimmage played against Gladwin in Grayling, ended in a 0-0 tie.

"This was the worst day this spring to be playing soccer," said Coach Karen Langseth. "The weather was terrible, cold, very windy and raining. The GHS girls didn't let it

stop them. This was their first scrimmage with another school."

"Goalkeeper Amanda Boone had a great first game, her kicks were good despite the wet ball and wind. She knew when to come out and communicated well," Langseth said. "Defenders Elizabeth Kane, Christina Strait, and Nicole Fisetle did a great job marking and assisting Boone. Sally Jansen, Shannon Plutko, and Rachel Ramaswamy held the midfield and pushed up with the offense of Andy Holzbauer and Heather Merchant. Sonya Saladine was the lone sub."

"It was great to finally get a game played," added Langseth.

The JV team will be playing Gladwin's other squad on Thursday, April 27, at 5 p.m.

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# JV softball team sweeps Rosco

► Junior varsity softball squad wins two close games against Rosco Bucks

The GHS junior varsity softball team swept a doubleheader from Roscommon last Wednesday, defeating the Bucks in Roscommon 15-14 and 11-9.

"The girls came out working together as a team," said Coach Lori Johnson. "These were two games that we needed to win to head into next week on a positive note."

Grayling won the first game of the

doubleheader on a big sixth inning, scoring eight runs.

Pitcher Ashley Wolcott picked up the win.

Wolcott and Tracy Parkinson each scored two runs. Lori Hinkle, Jennifer Lehman, Danielle Beckwith, Gina Thompson, and Ashlee Cox each scored one run in the GHS victory.

"The team had a hard time finding the combination, and in the top of the fourth the momentum shifted," said Coach Johnson. "The girls had a solid offensive inning and capitalized on some aggressive baserunning. It was great to see them pull themselves out of a slump."

Grayling continued to generate run production in the second game, winning the match 15-14.

In game two, Hinkle had 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Wolcott had 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Parkinson walked 4 times and scored 3 runs; Beckwith had 1 hit and scored twice; and Lehman, Ashley Bancroft and Thompson each scored twice.

"Jennifer Lehman and Lori Hinkle put in a superb show at 2nd and 1st, as they turned two double plays," said Johnson.

The day before, the Vikings had a rough doubleheader against West Branch Ogemaw Heights. The Falcons won both games, by scores

of 17-1 and 22-0.

Wolcott scored the lone GHS run of the first contest after reaching base on a walk.

"The girls struggled at the plate as nine out of 15 batters struck out," said Johnson. "The defense had some errors. When the ball is thrown around needlessly it allows for runs to be scored."

In game two, Lehman and Wolcott had the only hits for GHS.

Ogemaw put up 22 runs in three innings.

"Ogemaw Heights had some solid hitting," Johnson said.

The JV team will host Tawas on Friday, April 28, at 4 p.m.

## Vikings take two from visiting Bucks

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The team opened its conference schedule on Tuesday, April 18, losing a doubleheader to West Branch Ogemaw Heights at West Branch.

Grayling lost the first game 13-3.

"We had seven hits in the game, which is pretty good off West Branch," said Coach Boughner. "They are a solid team. But once again, you can not win ball games with six errors."

"West Branch really got their bats on the ball for both games. They had 14 hits (in game one), they really gave my outfielders a workout! If it was not for Elmy and Helsel the score would have been 23-3. Elmy had six of our 15 outs, and Helsel had two," Boughner said.

"Summer was the offensive star in the first game," continued Boughner. "She scored 2 runs, had 2 doubles, a delay steal to third on a great catcher, and a RBI. Harney went 2 for 3 and had a RBI. She is

really hitting well for us."

Paxton, Fox, and Elmy each had one hit.

West Branch won game two 12-5.

"The girls played very well this game," said Boughner. "It was the fewest errors we have had all season. West Branch pitched their number one against us, and the lady Vikes answered with six hits."

Dent went 2 for 3 in the game, with 2 runs scored, 1 RBI, and 2 put-outs defensively. Sumner and Harney both went 1 for 3 with 1 RBI. Wolcott, Helsel, and Fox each had one hit.

Again, Wolcott pitched both games. In the second game, she was responsible for 6 of the 18 outs. She struck out 2 and walked 3, throwing 28 strikes and 26 balls in the match.

The team will play at Tawas this Friday. On Monday, May 1, the Vikings will host Gaylord at 4:15 p.m. On May 2, GHS will host Pinconning.



Grayling's Mel Paxton takes a throw on a play at second.

## JV baseball team edges Bucks at Rosco

► GHS squad wins two close games of a doubleheader at Roscommon

The GHS junior varsity baseball team won its first two games of the season last Wednesday, defeating the Roscommon Bucks at Roscommon in two close games. The Vikings edged the Bucks 14-13 in game one, and 4-3 in the second match.

In game one, Wes Fox led the hitting attack with a 3 for 3 performance at the plate and 2 runs

scored. Nick D'Amour, Adam Kaiser, Larry Baynham, and Ryan Swope each had two hits in the contest.

In the second game, Justin Schreiber went 2 for 3 at the plate. D'Amour, Baynham, Keil Clough, and Mike Hale each scored a run for GHS.

Fox pitched the complete game, picking up the win. He scattered five hits, and walked only one batter.

The Vikings came out on the short end of a one-point ballgame at home against Ogemaw Heights last Tuesday, losing a heartbreaker 7-6. The second game was called in the

sixth inning due to darkness with the score locked at 5-5.

In the first match, leading hitters for Grayling were: Kaiser, 3 for 4, 2 runs scored; D'Amour, 2 for 4, 1 run scored; Schreiber, 2 for 4, 1 run scored. In game two, offensive leaders included: Baynham, 1 for 1, 2 walks, 4 stolen bases; Hale, 2 for 2, 1 run scored.

Pitchers for game one were Schreiber (6 and 2/3 innings), and Swope (1/3 inning). Baynham pitched the first four innings of game two, and Swope pitched the last two.

The team is now 2-5.

On Friday, April 28, the Vikings

will host Tawas at 4 p.m. The team will play in Gaylord at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, May 1. On May 2, the Vikes will play at Pinconning.

## Varsity team wins four in week 2

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had a run-scoring double. The Vikings scored seven more runs in the fourth inning to put the game away.

Levi Burkett, Tobin, and D'Amour each had two hits. D'Amour and Gorski each had three RBI.

Ray Trudgeon pitched the second game, allowing three hits, two walks, one unearned run, and striking out five en route to the victory. His season record is now 1-0.

GHS again got off to a good start, scoring nine runs in the first inning. Highlights included back-to-back run-scoring doubles by Haskel and Herrick.

"Our pitching today, outside of the first inning of game one, was outstanding. After giving up four runs to Roscommon in the top of the

first in game one, only one other runner advanced past second base," said Coach VanDrese. "If we continue to pitch this well, we are going to give ourselves plenty of chances to win baseball games. We have seen some dominating performances early in the season thus far."

"The other thing that we've been able to do is play consistently well at home," said VanDrese. "That's one of the things that we talked about early on this year, protecting our home-field advantage and not allowing teams to come in and out-play us at home. So far, we've been able to do that by going 4-0 at home. I hope that we are able to sustain this kind of play this week."

The Vikings will play at Tawas on Friday, April 28. The team will host Gaylord on Monday, May 1, at 4:15 p.m.

GHS will also play a home series on Tuesday, May 2, this time against Pinconning at 4 p.m.

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**Viking of the Week**

**Varsity Baseball**  
Coach: Duane VanDrese  
**MIKE D'AMOUR**

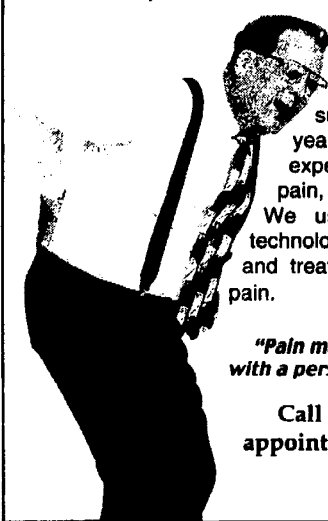
Mike continued to hit the ball last week. He made some adjustments at the plate that have allowed him to be successful at the varsity level. In sweeps over Rosco and WBOH last week, Mike hit .357, including a 2-run HR, 2 doubles, 6 runs scored, and 6 RBI. He is a legitimate threat every time he steps to the plate.



GHS hitter John Herrick takes a cut.

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## Wrestling team holds awards banquet

► Vikings officially cap a productive year with end of season gathering

The GHS wrestling team held its annual end-of-the-season banquet and awards ceremony last week. Team awards were announced, including the following: MVP - Matt Evon; Coaches Award - Victor CdeBaca; Leadership Award - Josh Niederer; Fighting Spirit Award - Chris Peters; Most Dedicated - Marianne Vollmer; Most Improved - Andy Palmer.

This year's squad, coached by Don Ferguson and assistants Mike Hopkins and Matt Tonello, took second place in the North East Michigan Conference. The team posted a 17-9 overall record in dual meets this season.

Individually, Viking team members won 53 medals over the course of the '99-00 wrestling season. Eight GHS wrestlers placed in the conference: Niederer, CdeBaca and Larry Baker each took 1st (conference champions); Evon took 2nd; Palmer, Vollmer, and Peters placed 3rd; and Marc Weaver finished 4th in the NEMC.

Five wrestlers qualified for Regionals by placing well at Districts: CdeBaca, 1st; Palmer,



Photos by Linda Golinick

**GHS wrestler Matt Evon receives an award from Coach Don Ferguson for placing 7th in the state this year.**

Evon, 2nd; Niederer, Peters, 3rd. Of those five, three qualified for the State Wrestling Finals at Regionals: Evon, Niederer, and CdeBaca. Evon took 7th in the state in his weight class (125).

Vollmer took part in the girls wrestling Nationals, and placed 2nd in her weight division (120).

A few of the top GHS wrestling team members, by overall season record, were: Evon, 46-10; Niederer, 42-9; CdeBaca, 47-13; Palmer, 41-15; Peters, 40-20; Baker,

32-14; Weaver, 30-23; Vollmer, 27-24. Scott Bearss, Billy Partello, Jesse Gildner, Ben Sartin, Alfred Borchers, and Shawn Weatherly also contributed wins to this year's team effort.

Seniors Evon and Niederer, both tri-captains of this year's team (along with Peters), finished their

four-year GHS careers with solid (and close to identical) overall records: Evon finished at 153 wins, 43 losses, and Niederer amassed a 156-48 record while wrestling at GHS. Four other seniors finished their GHS wrestling careers this season: Baker, 62-43; Weaver, 71-75; Vollmer, 49-81; and Sartin, 11-33.



Wrestling team captains (L to R) Matt Evon, Chris Peters, and Josh Niederer gather at the banquet.



Victor CdeBaca receives awards from assistant coaches Matt Tonello (right) and Mike Hopkins.

## Track team competes in dual meet

► Boys, girls squads come up short in team points in 2nd dual meet of season

The GHS boys and girls track teams competed at Standish last week against Saginaw Valley Lutheran and Standish. Grayling lost in team scores to both schools, 112-15 and 81-47.

For the boys, top GHS finishers against SVL included: 110M hurdles: Pete Belcher, 2nd. Jason Gomez, 3rd; 1600M run: Tim

Ormsbee, 3rd; 300M hurdles: Paul Jansen, 2nd; shot put: Nick Baynham, 2nd; Derek Quick, 3rd.

Against Standish, GHS fared better, taking first place in seven events. Team scores were Standish 81, Grayling 47.

Individual placements included: 3200M relay team, 1st; 110M hurdles: Belcher, 1st; 1600M run: Ormsbee, 1st; Jansen, 2nd; 300M hurdles: Jansen, 1st; 800M run: Ormsbee, 1st; Boreo, 2nd; 3200M run: Latusek, 1st; Boreo, 2nd; Jansen 3rd.

In the girls competition GHS lost to Standish 102-31, and fell to SVL 68-39.

Individual placements versus Standish included: 100M dash: Jessica Green, 1st; Sara Davis, 2nd; 1600M run: Kelly Jansen, 3rd; 400M dash: Karen Wyman, 2nd; Sara Davis 3rd; 200M dash: Green, 2nd; 3200M run: Karen Wyman, 1st; Kathy Wyman, 3rd; high jump: Kate Nickert, 1st; long jump: Green, 3rd.

Against SVL, GHS placed: 100M hurdles: Patti Martella, 1st; 100M dash: Green, Davis, 3rd; 1600M run: Jansen, 2nd; Monica Safin, 3rd; 400M relay team, 1st; 800M run: Jansen, 1st; 3200M run: Karen Wyman, 1st; Kathy Wyman, 2nd; high jump: Nickert, 1st; long jump: Green, 2nd.

The teams will compete in the

Mio Invitational this Saturday. On May 3, the track teams will host Oscoda and Bay City at 4 p.m.



Sara Davis competes for Grayling.

## GMS track team opens season with scrimmage

► Grayling athletes compete against Roscommon, HL

The Grayling Middle School track team participated in its first meet of the season last Tuesday, a scrimmage at Houghton Lake against Roscommon and the HL Bobcats.

Since the meet was a "scrimmage," no team scores were kept, but Coach Gail Belcher said team members performed well individually.

"Both the boys and girls track

teams turned in great performances at our first scrimmage of the season," said Coach Belcher. "Sean Kelly threw the shot 34 feet. The two miler boys Will Pittman and Josh Hinkle showed some great potential. Emily Harvey took first in the 200 meter hurdles for the girls, along with Ashley Hawley in the high jump."

"We are really excited about the upcoming season," added Belcher.

The team will compete in the Houghton Lake Invitational on Friday, May 5, at 4 p.m. On May 9, the team will be in Kalkaska.

### Hope.



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**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church**  
 905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop  
 Grayling, MI 49738  
 (517) 348-5921  
 Sunday Services 8 & 10:30 a.m.



## Basketball team holds annual banquet

► Hinkle earns All-State, All-League honors; several team awards announced

The GHS varsity basketball team held its year-end awards banquet last Thursday at the Grayling Holiday Inn, announcing team honors and other awards.

Senior Nate Hinkle, who broke Jim Tobin's GHS career scoring record this year (with 1,638 points), was named to the AP All-State First Team.

(Hinkle will play in an All-Star game in Brighton on June 24 with other top players from the state of Michigan.)

Hinkle also earned a berth on the All-Conference First Team. Seniors Eli Tobin and David Hawkins were named to the All-Conference Second Team, and junior Brad Gorski earned an Honorable Mention.

Viking team awards included: MVP - Hinkle, Tobin, and Hawkins; Most Improved - Jeremy Latuszek; Mr. Defense - Tobin; Mr. Hustle - Brad Wilson.

As a team, the Vikings earned an Academic All-State Award from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. The Grayling squad had a 3.19 grade point average.

Two special awards were also announced at the banquet: Doug and Mary Hinkle were given a plaque for their many contributions to GHS basketball; and Mike Shearer was given a clock for his many years of help with the Grayling basketball program.

### FINAL STATS FOR THE 1999-2000 SEASON:

Hawkins led the team in scoring and rebounding, with 424 points and 225 boards. Gorski led the Vikings in assists with 164. Tobin had the most steals with 66, and Joe Fritz had the most blocks with 15.

Leaders in some of the main statistical categories included:

**Points** - Hawkins, 424; Hinkle 381; Tobin, 339; Gorski, 198; Levi Burkett, 89;

**Rebounds** - Hawkins, 225; Tobin, 73; Hinkle, 72; Gorski, Fritz, 68; Burkett, 57;

**Assists** - Gorski, 164; Tobin, 127; Hawkins, 91; Hinkle, 37;

**Steals** - Tobin, 66; Hinkle, Gorski, 36; Hawkins, 34; Wilson, 20; Burkett, 19; Fritz, 14;

**Deflections** - Tobin, 236 (a new GHS season record); Hawkins, 172; Gorski, 156; Hinkle, 139; Burkett, 102; Wilson, 79; Fritz, 75;

**Blocks** - Fritz, 15; Hinkle, 13; Tobin, 12; Hawkins, 11;

**Free throw %** - Burkett, 79% (19/24); Hinkle, 77% (58/75); Hawkins, 74% (94/127); Gorski, 73% (46/63);

**Two-point %** - Gorski, 55% (52/94); Hinkle, 52% (112/214); Hawkins, 42% (132/311); Tobin, 40% (105/262);

**Three-point %** - Hawkins, 42% (22/52); Hinkle, 40% (33/82); Gorski, 33% (16/48).

## LEGAL ACTION

### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHARON M. HADLEY AND CHARLES T. HADLEY, Husband and Wife, of 7516 North White Road, Grayling, MI 49738, Mortgagors, to FIRST FINANCE, which is organized and existing under the laws of Michigan and whose address is 6785 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 1997, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on December 17, 1997, in Liber 443, Page 333 of Crawford County Records, which mortgage was thereafter assigned to BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., as Custodian or Trustee, 3 Park Plaza, 16th Floor, Irvine, CA 92614 and recorded on July 10, 1998 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber 457, Page 551 of Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 99/100 (\$68,236.99) DOLLARS.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday June 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.** said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 11.85% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

The Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

Tax Id No. 020-026-007-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 20, 2000

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., AS CUSTODIAN OR TRUSTEE

Assignee of Mortgagee  
ELAINE W. MARDIOSIAN (P33528)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
1373 Balfour  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230  
(313) 881-0296

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

HARRY J. GREYHER, et al  
Plaintiffs

File No. 00-100-GC-1  
RUSSELL M. BATES and REAL ESTATE ONE OF WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN, Defendants

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.  
By: William L. Carey (P31602)  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
PO Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 348-5232

### EX PARTE ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan this 11 day of April, 2000. PRESENT: HONORABLE JOHN G. HUNTER District Court Judge

UPON A REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instant case, and a review of the Affidavit in Support of Order for Alternate Service by Publication filed herein, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service in the instant matter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR 2.106(D)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall cause the instant order to be published once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in the Crawford County Avalanche.

TO: RUSSELL M. BATES

1. An action has been filed against you for breach of contract in District court for Crawford County, Michigan, Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; File #00-100-GC-1;

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: 4-11-00

Honorable John G. Hunter  
District Court Judge

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### NOTICE TO REDEEM

TO: Douglas M. Duncan, Paula L. Duncan, James Salvati, Constance Salvati, Ottocor Corp. and Occupant, and all unknown, unascertained, undetermined, unborn heirs, devisees, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf, said individuals, being person indicated to have some interest in the land below described according to Crawford County records.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land described:

**TAKE NOTICE:** Sale was lawfully made of the following described property for unpaid taxes on the property, and that the

undersigned has title to the property under tax deed or deeds issued for the property. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this property within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the property is located, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons on commencing a civil action, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the property.

Description of land: State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Maple Forest, The W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 26 T28N R3W Cont 5 Acres.

Parcel Number 020-026-007-035-00  
Delinquent Tax Year 1995  
Year of Tax Sale 1998  
Tax Sale No. 530  
Amount Tax Deed Holder Paid 796.54  
Amount necessary to redeem is \$1194.81 plus sheriff fees and publication costs, if any.  
Name of Tax Deed Holder: Swan Family Ltd. and First Union.  
Address: P.O. Box 309, Bradenton Beach, FL 34217  
Date: 3/20/2000

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### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darwin A. Wilder and Dena M. Wilder husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1993, and recorded on June 24, 1993 in Liber 361, on Page 356, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 69/100 dollars (\$32,911.69), including interest at 7.500% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/00.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BUDGET HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing for its 2000-2001 budget on Monday, May 8, 2000 at 7:30 pm, at the middle school (Ogemaw side entrance). All citizens are invited to attend and provide council with written and/or oral comments and ask questions concerning the city's proposed budget. The proposed budget can be inspected by the public from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday in the city clerk's office at City Hall. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the city office before the meeting by calling 348-2131.

The discussion at this public hearing will include consideration of the proposed millage rate to be levied for the 2000-2001 tax year and the relationship of the state equalized value and the taxable value of property and the changes for same between 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. The millage rate proposed in the 2000-2001 budget is 14.8 mills for operation and 0.0 mills for debt retirement. This millage rate is exactly the same as the 1999-2000 millage rate but will result in increased revenues due to increases in state equalized values and taxable values. The City of Grayling has complete authority to set the millage rate for city operations at any level below the charter limit.

A copy of the proposed budget is available to inspect at the Crawford County Library.

Kay Ellen King  
Kay Ellen King  
City Clerk

Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM. on June 7, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 10, Roffe's Addition the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 27, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE  
CALL:  
248-593-1303  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200014446  
Ravens

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### MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will hold a Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall on Sherman Road. At such time, in addition to regular township business, budgets covering estimated revenues and proposed expenditures of the General fund and EMS fund for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 shall be submitted for consideration. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the budget will be subject to this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budgets will be available for public inspection at the township office during regular business hours.

Susan M. Keene  
Township Clerk

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

Terms of office for members of the Board of Directors are six (6) years. There is currently one seat on the Board of Directors the term of office for which will expire on June 30, 2000. Term limitations do not exist for members of the CCTA Board of Directors, and the individual currently holding that office, Mr. Lee Riley of Beaver Creek Township, is eligible for reappointment.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. It establishes policies governing, as well as providing policy oversight pertaining to, the business, operations, property and affairs of the CCTA.

All Board Members shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered they must be either postmarked no later than Friday, May 12, 2000 or submitted directly to the CCTA administrative offices in a clearly labeled sealed envelope by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2000.

Questions or comments regarding this request for proposals are to be directed to Mr. David Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority whose office is located at the following address, or who may be reached at the following telephone number.

Crawford County Transportation Authority  
4276 West North Down River Road  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
(517) 348-8215

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# LEGAL ACTION

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 10, 2000, the Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority ("MSHFA") will hold a public hearing for purposes of federal tax law with respect to the proposed issuance by MSHFA of one or more series of its hospital revenue bonds (the "Bonds"), in an amount not to exceed \$575,000,000. The proceeds of the Bonds will be lent to Trinity Health, which will become the successor to Holy Cross Health System Corporation and used to: (i) finance or refinance the costs of the acquisition of certain property, plant and equipment comprising the acute care hospitals and related health care facilities described below (collectively, the "Property") through the acquisition of the sole corporate membership of the respective hospital or its corporate member; (ii) finance or refinance the costs of certain additions and improvements to and equipment for use at the Property; and (iii) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

The Property consists of some or all, in whole or in part, of the following:

Property owned and operated by **Mersey Health Services** through its operating divisions consisting of **St. Mary's Mercy Medical Center**, located at 129 Jefferson Ave. SE, 301 Cherry St. SE, 245 Cherry St. SE, 148 Cherry St. SE, 343 Jefferson Ave. SE, 357 Jefferson Ave. SE, 333 Jefferson Ave. SE, 200 Lafayette Ave. SE, 216 Lafayette Ave. SE, 260 Jefferson Ave. SE, 200 Jefferson Ave. SE, 401 Jefferson Ave. SE

and 140 Wealthy Ave. SE, all located in Grand Rapids, MI; **McPherson Hospital**, located at 620 Byron Road, Howell, MI; **St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Oakland**, located at 900 E. Woodward Avenue, 909 Woodward Avenue and 62-70 W. Lawrence Street, all located in Pontiac, MI; **Mersey General Health Partners**, located at 1500 East Sherman Boulevard and 1700 Oak Avenue, both located in Muskegon, MI; **Mersey Health Services - North**, located at 400 Hobart Street, Cadillac, MI, 1100 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI, and the Houghton Lake Clinic located at 9249A Lake City Road, Houghton Lake, MI; **St. Joseph Mercy Hospital**, located at 5301 East Huron River Drive, 3075 Clark Road, 501 N. Maple Road, 201 S. Hamilton Street, all in Ann Arbor, MI; **Mersey Hospital - Port Huron**, located at 2601 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI; and **Saline Community Hospital**, located at 400 West Russell Street and 224 W. Michigan Ave. both located in Saline, MI and 424 E. Monroe Street, Dundee, MI; and

Property owned and operated by **Battle Creek Health System**, located at 300 North Avenue, 126 Washington Avenue, and 175 N. Washington, all in Battle Creek, MI. Upon transfer of the corporate memberships of Mersey Health Services and Battle Creek Health System to Trinity Health, Trinity Health and its related subsidiaries will own and operate the hospitals and other health care facilities identified above.

The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the offices of MSHFA located at 100 West Washtenaw, Suite 2, Lansing, MI 48933. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the issuance of such Bonds or on the nature and location of the facilities proposed to be financed or refinanced will be given an opportunity to do so

at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to the Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, c/o Executive Director, 100 West Washtenaw, Suite 2, Lansing, MI 48933.

The Bonds will be limited obligations of MSHFA payable only from loan repayments to be made to MSHFA and certain funds and accounts established by or pursuant to the bond indenture(s) under which the Bonds will be issued. The Bonds will not be a general obligation of MSHFA and will not be a debt of the State of Michigan or any political subdivision of the State. MSHFA has no taxing power and the issuance of the Bonds will not obligate the State of Michigan or levy political subdivision of the State to levy or pledge any form of taxation for the Bonds or to make any appropriation for the payment of the Bonds. The hearing will provide a reasonable opportunity for expression of opinion, argument on the merits and introduction of documentary evidence pertaining to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Written comments will be accepted by MSHFA, but must be received on or before the date of the hearing.

Dated: April 26, 2000

Thomas Letavis  
Executive Director  
Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority  
100 West Washtenaw, Suite 2  
Lansing, Michigan 48933  
Telephone: (517) 241-9500  
Fax: (517) 241-9509

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## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce R. Amburgey, a married man (original mortgagors) to Union Federal Savings Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgage, dated August 23, 1996, and recorded on August 27, 1996 in Liber 417, on Page 42-49, Crawford County Record, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated September 4, 1996, which was recorded on March 5, 1997, in Liber 426, on Page 90, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE AND 69/100 dollars (\$63,073.69)**, including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made

and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on May 17, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWN-SHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 6, 2000  
**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
248-593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200013514  
Mustangs

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## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Bendig and Kathryn F. Bendig his wife (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgage, dated September 7, 1994, and recorded on September 8, 1994 in Liber 383, on Page 362, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated April 23, 1996, which was recorded on July 2, 1996 in Liber 413, on Page 633, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FOUR AND 35/100 dollars (\$71,504.35)**, including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on June 7, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWN

SHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 40, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 27, 2000

**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
248-593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 990201628  
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## STATE OF MICHIGAN 83rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT 83rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Order for Service by Publication Posting and Notice of Action

File No. 00-030-LF-1

**Plaintiffs**  
**METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE & SECURITIES COMPANY, INC.**  
Thomas J. Miller, Jr. P55340  
Trott & Trott, P.C.,  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 180  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
(248) 642-2515

**Defendants**  
**Ronald McCue**  
**Dawn McCue**  
**Mr. and Mrs. Occupant**  
3126 M-72 East  
Grayling MI 49738

**Ronald McCue**  
**Dawn McCue**  
7810 Oak Road  
St. Helen, MI 48656

TO: DAWN MCCUE

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to FORFEIT A LAND CONTRACT. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 24, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at 3126 M-72 East, Grayling, MI for a single posting and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to defendants at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Date: March 30, 2000  
Judge John G. Hunter

-13-20-27

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Billie J. Marrs and Hendrina Marrs husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1998, and recorded on December 1, 1998 in Liber 468, on Page 626, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 83/100 dollars (\$44,734.83)**, including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on May 24, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWN-SHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 233 feet of the East 165 feet of the West 330 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 2000  
**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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## SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting April 10, 2000

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held on April 10, 2000 in our new office building at 8888 S. Grayling Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and all board members were present.

Motion by Mobarak to approve the minutes from meetings March 13, 15, and 16. Seconded and carried.

Dave Fredericks from the Crawford County Transit Authority was present requesting support for a grant for non-emergency transportation services for medical treatment in surrounding areas. Motion by Riley to approve support of \$0.50 per capita and supply a letter of support. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mobarak to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded and carried.

14 pieces of correspondence were accepted.

Mobarak requested that STING representatives be invited to our next meeting for their presentation.

Old Business:  
1. Motion by Mobarak to proceed with establishing a Library service in the new building. Seconded and motion carried.

2. Beautification committee would like to know where they stand regarding money that can be spent on flowers and shrubs.

3. Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Balmes to authorize Supervisor to spend up to \$500 for hydro seeding and black dirt in front of new building. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Balmes that we spend up to \$2,000 for porch roof and treated wood railing. Seconded. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

5. Next meeting of Picnic Committee will be May 8 at 6 p.m. before our regular meeting.

6. Supervisor stated that Steve Brown is available to go back to work and will be used in maintenance and as a backup at the transfer site.

New Business:  
1. Motion by Mobarak to join the local Chamber of Commerce. Supported by Riley. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried. Balmes will be liaison for Chamber and attend necessary meetings.

2. Discussion regarding an Open House for the building but no decision made.

3. Motion by Mobarak to change all future meetings of township to 8888 S. Grayling Road. Seconded and carried.

4. Motion by Mobarak to pay the AP bills for the month of April. Second and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman  
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Bids will be opened at Regular Board Meeting, May 9, 2000  
Any questions, call South Branch Township Hall at (517) 275-8232.  
South Branch Township has the right to reject any or all bids.

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## CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for three vacant positions on the Construction Board of Appeals through Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. Applicants are required to be county residents, and must have experience and/or background knowledge in construction and a working knowledge of the codes being enforced by the county in order to process appeals and consider variances. Experience in fields such as a builder, plumber, heating, cooling, electrical, engineer, inspector, etc. are mandatory. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk, Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE HERBICIDE PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Transportation hereby provides notice to the public, and property owners adjacent to state highways, of the 2000 Herbicide Application Program for roadside rights-of-way within Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon Counties.

All applications will take place between May 1, 2000 and October 31, 2000.

### Locations

On state trunklines in the counties listed above.

Treatments will be made for control of (1) vegetation in front of guardrails, (2) noxious and broadleaf weeds in turf areas, and (3) vegetation growing through paved shoulders and (4) brush growing within the turf maintained portion of the shoulder. All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular mounted fixed broom or hand gun equipment. The following herbicides will be tank mixed for each application.

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A surfactant, Citry-Plus or Cide-Kick (100% D'Limonene), Valent X-77 (Alkylaryl/polyoxyethylene, Free Fatty Acids, Glycols, and Isopropanol), or Nu-Film - 1R (Poly-1-p-Menthene) will be used with all applications. A drift control agent, 41-A (Polycrylamide and Polysaccharide), More (Polyvinyl Polymer), or Nalco-Trol (Polyvinyl Polymer) will also be used as needed in all spraying operations.

All applications will be made by certified applicators employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. For further information contact:

Lee Sherwood, Regional Resource Specialist  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
2927 D & M Drive  
Gaylord, Michigan 49735  
Phone: (517) 731-5090 ext. 328

This notice is published per Regulation 637 Act 171, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

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## USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON - MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT

The Mio District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests is inviting comments on a proposal for 5 timber sales proposing to carry out the following forest management actions in Township 25 North, Range 1 East, section 16, (Hulls Kitchen Timber Sale); Township 26 North, Range 1 East, section 30, Township 26 North, Range 1 West, sections 23, 24, 25, and 26 (Meridian Road Timber Sale); and Township 26 North, Range 2 West, sections 25, 26, 27, 35, and 36 (Harbor Oak, Canoe Harbor, and North Dune Timber Sales): Regenerating approximately 383 acres of mixed oak by the shelterwood method, clearcutting approximately 49 acres of mixed oak and planting them with red pine, thinning approximately 628 acres of mixed oak, underplanting approximately 916 acres of mixed oak with red and white pine, regenerating approximately 104 acres of jack pine by clearcutting, improving approximately 355 acres of upland openings, creating 16 water holes, maintaining 4 water holes, removing illegally dumped household trash, relocating the Michigan Shore-to-Shore trail, creating approximately a 10-acre oak/pine savannah, rehabilitating approximately 5 acres of an abandoned gravel pit, constructing approximately 3 miles of temporary road, closing approximately 11.1 miles of roads not needed for management activities, and planting approximately 32 acres of a red pine stand to bring it up to acceptable stocking levels. These projects will occur over the next 3 to 5 years.

The draft environmental assessment is available for review and comment at the Mio District Office.

To ensure adequate time for comment review, comments must be received or post marked within 30 days of the date that this notice is published in the Oscoda County Herald. Please include (1) name, address, telephone number, the name of the organization or persons represented and title, (2) title of the document on which the comment is being submitted, and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons regarding your comments.

Please send comments to District Ranger, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 401N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647

Copies of the Request Notice will be sent to people who submit comments, or who request copies during or before the comment period.

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## Three real estate agents honored for their dedication

Duane LaMotte, Diann Murphy and Fred Shippy of Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty have been selected to join the company's International President's Circle — a prestigious honor bestowed upon the top 12 percent of the more than 70,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates world-wide.

"The International President's Circle recognizes those Coldwell Banker sales associates whose sales performance and dedication are exceptional," said Alex Perriello, President and CEO of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "Duane, Diann and Fred have proven to be invaluable assets to our organization."

"As the Coldwell Banker brand moves forward into the new millennium in a position of leadership, so too do these agents," said Perriello. "They exhibit the highest standards



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**Diann Murphy**

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**Fred Shippy**

Coldwell Banker considers LaMotte, Murphy and Shippy to be a distinguished group of sales associates, achieving the highest rate of achievement with the reality.

## Real estate agent inducted into C-21 Hall of Fame

Debbie Bondar, of Century 21 River Country Real Estate, has recently been inducted into the Century 21 Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame is an agent designation of the highest achievement and recognition for real estate sales that is earned for achieving "Centurion" level of production for the last five out of seven years.

Of the many thousands of Century 21 agents form over 6,000 real estate

offices throughout the United States, a very small percentage receive the Hall of Fame award.

Bondar has also earned the Century 21 agent "Quality Service Award" many of her past nine years of real estate in the Crawford County area. She has served on training discussion panels at Century 21 workshops throughout the United States and attended many "Top Sales Producer" retreats during her career.

Bondar has served as President of Century 21 Northern Michigan Brokers Council for three years and, in the past, also served as President of the Grayling Rotary Club.

Her primary real estate focus is still residential and recreational sales. However, Bondar has recently added "commercial sales" designation to her license.

She is the mother of two children - Lexi, age 15 and Jacob, age 11.



**Debbie Bondar**

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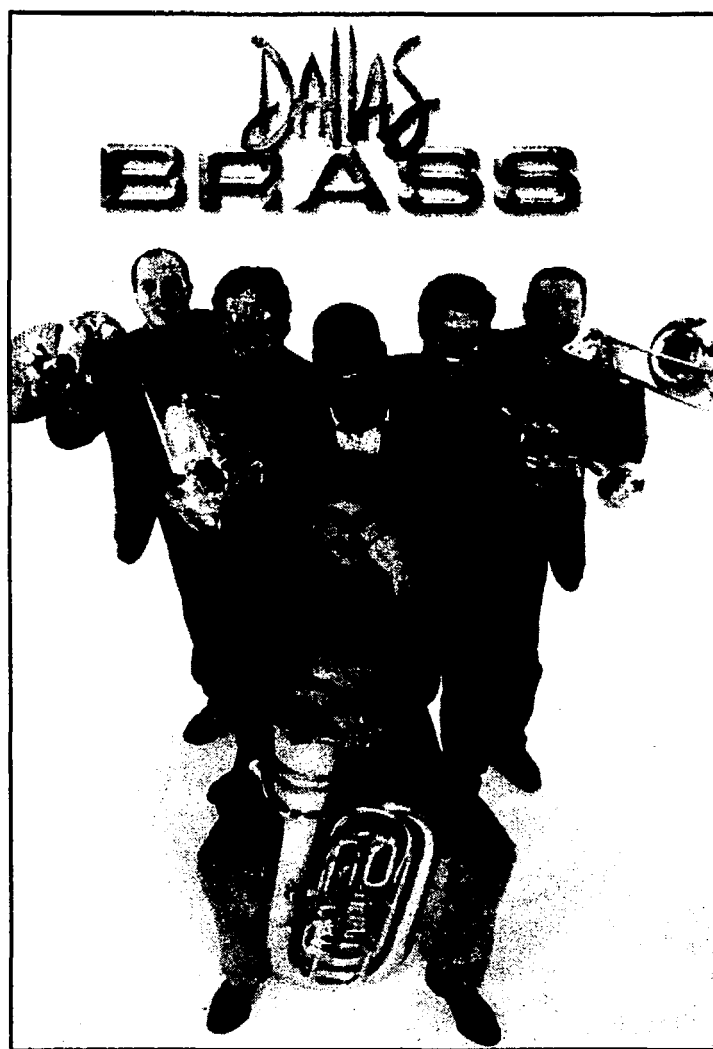
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## Tourism reception planned

State Representatives Andy Neumann and Scott Shackleton have invited all Michigan lawmakers to join them on Saturday afternoon, April 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn in Boyne City.

Billed as the "Celebrate Springtime Splendor Reception," an invitation is also extended to all outdoor enthusiasts and tourism-related business people.

Guests can share their favorite Springtime recreational experience, compare fish stories, golf scores and their favorite morel mushroom hunting spot - to help formulate ways to "educate" tourists throughout the Midwest about Michigan as the perfect tonic for cabin fever in the spring.

The reception is hosted by the Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan Chambers of Commerce. There will be refreshments and a cash bar. A \$3 per person charge will earmark proceeds for promotion of springtime tourism.

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Danielle M. Amaro, Britni Baker, Ashley Bancroft, Danielle M. Beckwith, Michele Belcher, William Brewer, Maeghan Corwin, Samuel Cross, Dain R. Decker, Brek Denewett, Sean Doyle, Jensen Dreasky, Andrea Dunkley, Lori Ellis, Kimberly J. Erb, Travis Fagan, Justin Fissette, Rebecca J. Flaherty, Kyle Fleischmann, Ryan Glicker, Jessica Green, Ryan Harland, Emily Henion, Tyler Huber, Eric Hunter, Sally Jansen, Christopher E. Johns, Adam E. Kaiser, Elizabeth J. Kane, James Lawrence, Brett Mead, Heather Merchant, Roy Middleton, Kimberli Mitchell, Shayla Moore, Cody A. Myers, Travis Nelson, Tressa B. Ney, Kate Nickert, Tracy Parkinson, Halie Phipps, Colleen Rogers, Jennifer Rusiecki, Brandon M. Scott, Amanda M. St. Amour, Matthew Strohpaul, Shannon Terry, Christopher Wakeley, Stephanie Wakeley.

### "A" Honor Roll, Grade 10:

Michelle Elsnor, Rachel Ramaswamy, Regina Rosi, Alesha Wargo, Chet Wheeler.

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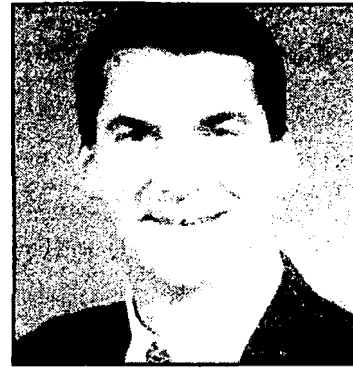
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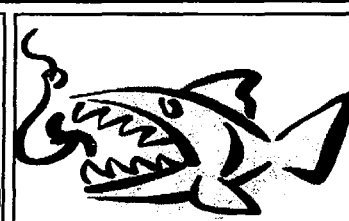
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### 3. Employment

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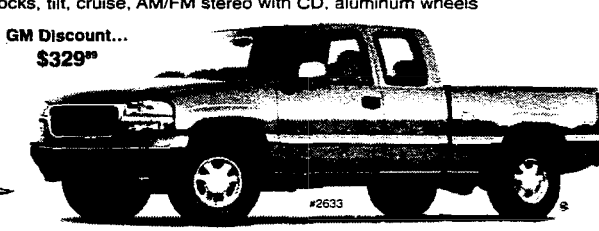
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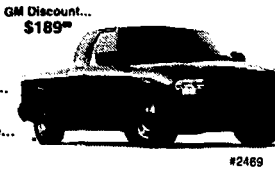
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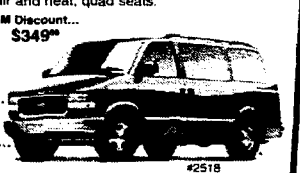
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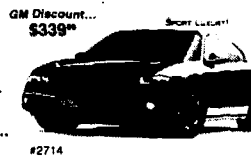


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#### 7. Miscellaneous

**FOUND** Two puppies found stranded in woods. They need a good home. It would be ideal if they could stay together. They are going to be beautiful dogs. Call 517-348-5693 after 5 for more information. (-27/7)

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#### 9. Personals

##### CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to Beth Hamlin on her awesome finish in Boston Marathon.**

**Beth finished 888 out of 6482 female runners with a time of 3:28:47.**

##### CONGRATULATIONS

##### 10. Garage Sales

**YARD SALE** 2842 Blue Bird, off Margrethe Blvd. Friday and Saturday. (-27/10)

**MOVING SALE** Large sale, 829 Richardson Rd. Saturday 29, Sunday 30. (-27/10)

**GARAGE SALE** April 28 and 29, 10-4 p.m. Couch, buffet, exercise equipment. 3452 Jones Lake Rd. (-27/10)

**GARAGE SALE** Generator welder, air compressors, tools, tractors, couch, girls brand name clothes. Lots of items. Friday (28), Saturday (29), 6212 West Five Mile. 517-348-2314 (-27/10)

**GARAGE SALE** April 29, 9-4 229 Misty Way. (-27/10)

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**GARAGE SALE** 7274 County Rd. 612, 1/10 mile from B.P. Saturday (29) and Sunday (30), 9-4. Dining room table, dressers, piano, large sofa and chair, 65 gal. complete aquarium with stand, miscellaneous. (-27/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 1875 Ole Dam Road, Friday and Saturday 28-29 April from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (-27/10)

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#### 9. Personals

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